

Renew summer-weary pots by subtracting deadbeat annuals and adding cool-weather plants that thrive in fall.

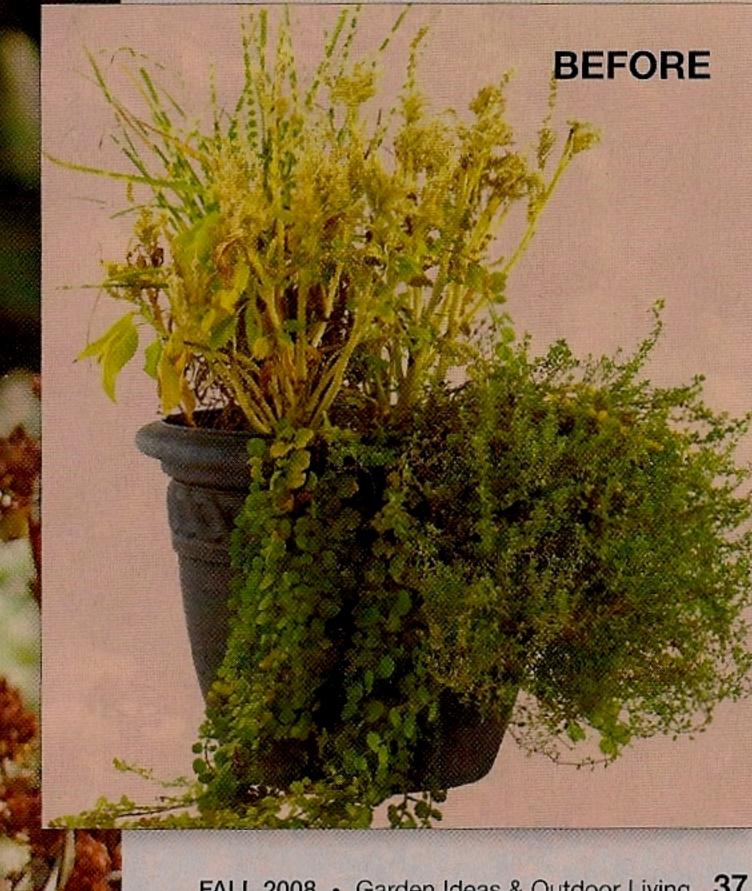
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## THE FLOW

Dried-up celosia, running-rampant moneywort, and tumbleweedlike lemon thyme turned this container into a muddled mess. We calmed the chaos by clipping the thyme and replacing the celosia and moneywort with plants that mirror the thyme's cascading character. The variegated leaves of a low-growing loosestrife and ebony foliage of a sweet potato vine fashion an interplay of color and shape in the center that spreads outward to soften the pot's edges. The large-leaf plants anchor the airier profiles of the thyme and the striped maidengrass, which brings vertical interest to the rear of the pot.

## **PLANTS**

- A) Sweet potato vine (Ipomoea batatas 'Blackie'), Zones 11-12.
- B) Eulaliagrass (Miscanthus sinensis 'Gold Bar'), Zones 6-9.
- C} Lysimachia congestiflora 'Walkabout Sunset', Zones 5-9.
- D} Lemon thyme (Thymus × citriodorus), Zones 5-9.









and spindly stemmed petunias distracted from the sculptural appeal of the New Zealand flax. We added plants that pick up on the peach and red tones of the flax's leaves and highlight its fan shape. Peach-color African daisies fill out the pot's borders and rise as complementaryhue and airy sidekicks for the

another leaf shape and texture. As fall temperatures drop, the succulent foliage will flush to deep red. We chose chartreuse coralbells as the accent plant-its scalloped leaves supply a splash of sunlight that glimmers against its darker-leaf neighbors.

- 'Bronze'), Zones 9-11.
- B) Osteospermum 'Melon Symphony', Zones 10-11.
- C) Coralbells (Dolce Key Lime Pie Heuchera), Zones 4-9.
- D) Wood spurge (Euphorbia amygdaloides 'Efanthia'), Zones 4-11.

