

Create a Butterfly Garden in a Pot:

MATERIALS:

- A garden pot 12" wide or greater, with a hole in the bottom
- Potting or premium garden soil
- 3 plants (choices below)

Plants: Select plants from a reputable nursery.

NOTE: Avoid box stores as their plants are frequently contaminated with systemic pesticides that are especially harmful to bees and are responsible for colony collapse. You should avoid box stores for any garden plants for this reason.

ONE of each type of plant:

- Summer nectar plant: annuals such as zinnia or cosmos that bloom continuously
- Milkweed: choose from butterfly weed, swamp milkweed, or common milkweed
- Late summer nectar plant: Golden rod, Coneflower or Black-eyed Susans. Red/pink coneflowers are favorites.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- SOAK plants for 3-4 hours prior to planting.
- Clean your pot then add soil until $\frac{1}{2}$ full.
- Remove plants from the pot they were purchased in. Use your fingers to tease out the roots of the plant from the soil they came in. Soaking facilitates this process. If the plants have excessive roots circling the root ball, take your time to pull them out. Cut off any that are too long or tangled. Remove as little as possible.
- Add the plants to the pot.
- Add additional soil mix around the plants to fill in all the gaps.
- Generously water at soil level after planting.
- Place pot in a sunny location in your yard.
- Be sure to water at soil level regularly, depending on the weather/rain/heat.

