

Winter!



Juncus Grass
(1 plant from a 1-gallon pot)



**'Dynasty Red'
Flowering Cabbage**
(10 plants from 4.5" pots)



**'Dynasty White'
Flowering Cabbage**
(11 plants from 4.5" pots)



Pansies
(14 plants from 4.5" pots)

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20" double basic basket

I didn't expect to like this arrangement when I planted it, but I couldn't resist trying these glamorous cabbages in the side of a basket. I thought they would get too big and hide the pansies planted along the top edge.

Was I ever wrong! The cabbages love being planted in the sides, and grew quite politely, leaving the pansies lots of space.

They call the purple one 'Dynasty Red.' I don't know why, when it looks more purple than red. Regardless, it looks terrific alternated with the 'Dynasty White' flowering cabbage.

And talk about easy! I very seldom had to do anything to this basket - not even water it! Imagine having this gorgeous arrangement outside all winter (or at least until the temperatures drop below 25 degrees) - and doing very little to keep it alive!

Cultural Information

Light: Light shade to full sun.

Season: Winter in most areas. These cabbages took temperatures down to the mid-20's. The pansies took a bit more cold.

Lifespan: Five to six months in this container.

Care: Fertilize on planting day with a slow-release mix. Repeat if the leaves look yellowish or washed-out.

Water: Water when the plants show signs of wilt or the soil feels dry when you push your fingertip up to your second knuckle into the potting mix. You shouldn't need to water much in the cool weather if you have occasional rains. But watch closely because if you water too much, it might die. Conversely, very cold weather dries it out, so be sure it's watered before a real cold spell arrives.

Troubleshooting: The pansies went through periods of looking scraggly after really cold weather. They recovered quickly when the temperatures went up.

Planting Plan: Easy. Alternate the two colors of cabbages for both side layers. Plant the *Juncus* grass in the center. Surround it with pansies. (For full planting demo, see www.sideplanting.com or the new book, Pamela Crawford's "Instant Container Gardens")