

Container Combo Guide



What to Plant Together -
And Where to Place It!

Sun loving Container Combos

These combos thrive in full sun (6–8 hours daily). Ideal for balconies, patios, or sunny decks.

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Tomato + Basil + Marigold

Why it works: Basil improves tomato flavor and helps repel pests. Marigolds deter aphids and nematodes.

Container size:
12–16" deep pot
or grow bag



Tip: Add a cage or stake early on.



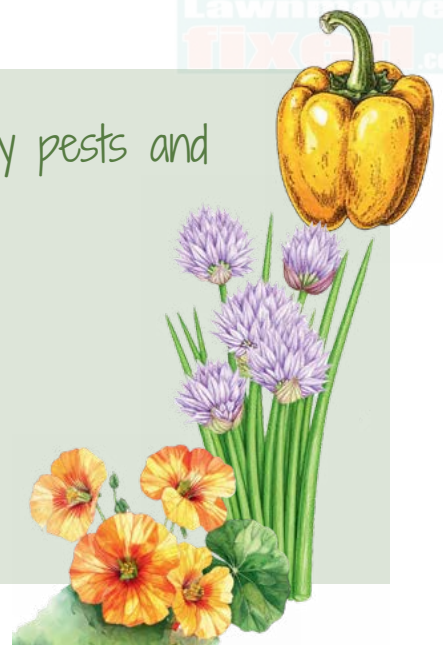
Pepper + Chives + Nasturtiums

Why it works: Chives deter aphids. Nasturtiums lure away pests and attract pollinators.

Container size:
12–14" deep pot



Tip: Keep well-watered but avoid soggy roots



Cucumber + Dill + Calendula

Why it works: Dill attracts hoverflies (great for aphid control).
Calendula draws in bees and beneficial bugs.

Container size:

16" wide and deep
with trellis support



Tip: Cucumbers
love warmth, avoid
wind-exposed spots



Carrot + Lettuce + Radish

Why it works: These root crops don't compete for space and grow quickly together

Container size:

10-12" deep trough
or window box



Tip: Ideal for
spring and early
summer



Part-Shade Container Combos

Perfect for spots with morning sun or 4–6 hours of light.
Great near fences, under pergolas, or east-facing patios

Spinach + Spring Onion + Violas

Why it works: Spinach and onions coexist well, violas bring in pollinators and brighten up the container.

Container size:

1 Shallow window box or 8–10" deep pot



Tip: Harvest spinach often to encourage fresh leaves



Pak Choi + Chives + Nasturtium

Why it works: Chives help deter aphids and spider mites, while nasturtiums draw away pests and add a splash of color (and edible petals!). All three are cool-season friendly and grow well in similar conditions.

Container size:
12–14" deep pot



Tip: Harvest outer pak choi leaves regularly to keep plants compact and productive.



Flower Friends & Foes

Great Companion Flowers:

Flower	Works well with	Benefits
Marigold	Tomatoes, Beans, Peppers	Pest repellent
Nasturtium	Broccoli, Kale, Peppers	Trap crop for aphids
Calendula	Lettuce, Carrots, Herbs	Attracts pollinators
Violas	Leafy Greens	Cool-season color
Chamomile	Cabbage family, herbs	Improves flavor & health of nearby herbs

Avoid These Combos:

Bad Combo	Why It Doesn't Work
Tomatoes + Fennel	Fennel inhibits tomato growth
Beans + Onions	Onions stunt bean growth
Cucumber + Sage	Sage can negatively affect cucumber flavor
Carrot + Dill	They're too closely related—can cross-compete

Placement Tips by Veg Type



Veg Type	Light Needs	Notes
Fruiting (tomato, cucumber, pepper)	Full sun	Needs lots of light to produce fruit
Leafy greens (lettuce, spinach)	Part shade	Can bolt quickly in heat; prefers cooler areas
Root crops (carrot, beet, radish)	Full-part sun	Needs 4-6 hrs for strong roots
Herbs	Varies	Basil, thyme = sun; mint, parsley = part shade

Bonus Tips for Happy Containers

Soil: Use a quality veg-friendly compost with perlite or vermiculite

Water: Containers dry out faster! Check daily in summer.

Feed: Liquid seaweed or tomato feed every 2-3 weeks.

Drainage: Always ensure containers have holes

Mulch: A layer of straw helps retain moisture



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