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Chapman provides a step-by-step guide to creating living plant combinations or centerpieces. First she discusses indoor gardening tools, containers, techniques, and maintenance, and then offers recipes that specify the ingredients needed by listing the type and quantity of plants. Chapman provides numbered instructions for arranging the plants, while 400 full-color photographs spark enthusiasm and provide guidance for the finished piece. The arrangement recipes are organized alphabetically by plant and use such mainstream favorites as violets and begonias. Each plant appears in multiple recipes, enabling indoor gardeners to creatively display a single variety of plant in diverse and exciting plantings. A single lily takes center stage in a fancy fruit bowl, for example, and can be mixed with rubber plants and star-of-Bethlehem. Chapman offers more complex arrangements, involving, in one recipe, primroses sharing space in a vintage metal toolbox with a potato vine and five other plants. Many plant lovers will enjoy these creative, skill-building, and pleasing recipes. --Whitney Scott

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