Whiskey Barrel Planter — Summer Guide

Exact plants from our Summer diagram. Use Lucky Cat 9b mix (70% Kellogg RB&P \pm 30% mushroom compost), Bio-tone at planting, and finish with 2" mulch.

Materials

- 26" half whiskey barrel (drainage holes + mesh)
- Lucky Cat 9b soil mix; Bio-tone at planting; Garden-tone monthly
- 2" mulch
- Drip line (2-4 emitters) or hose

Plant Recipe (26" half barrel)

Role	Plant	Qty
Thrillers	Umbrella Palm; Swiss Chard; Angelonia (plant all three)	3 total
Fillers	Yellow Zinnias; White Vinca; Pink Vinca; Oregano	5-7 mixed
Spillers	Trailing Vinca; Creeping Thyme	2-3

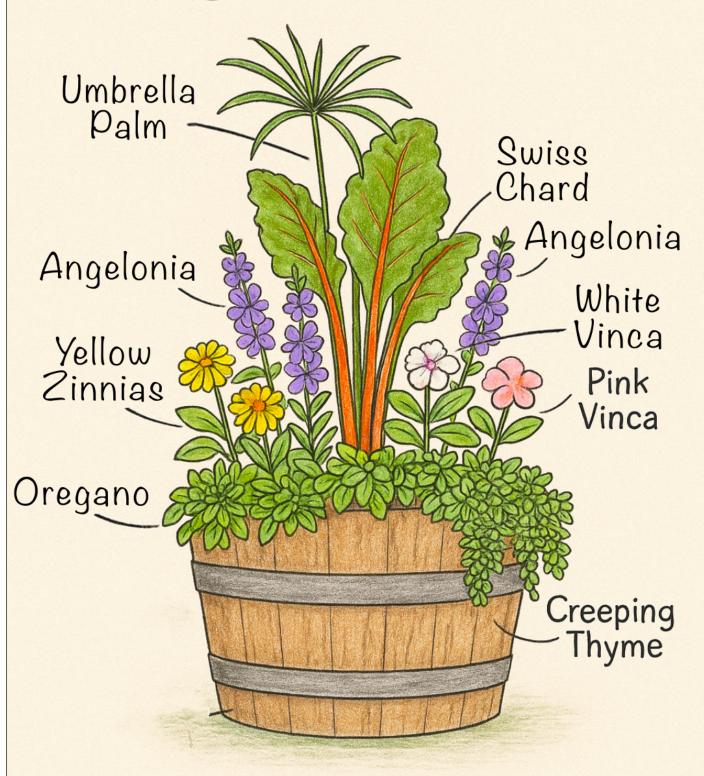
Fast Pot-Up Steps

- 1. Drill drainage if needed; add a mesh square over holes.
- 2. Fill with Lucky Cat 9b mix; mix Bio-tone per label.
- 3. Place umbrella palm, Swiss chard, and angelonia as the thriller trio; tuck fillers around; add spillers at rim.
- 4. Water deeply to settle; top with 2" mulch to keep roots cool.

Care (Zone 9b)

- Sun 4-6+ hrs; give afternoon shade in extreme heat.
- Water when top 1–2" are dry (daily in peak summer); drip: 1 GPH \times 20–40 min as needed.
- Feed monthly with Garden-tone; deadhead to keep blooms coming.

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