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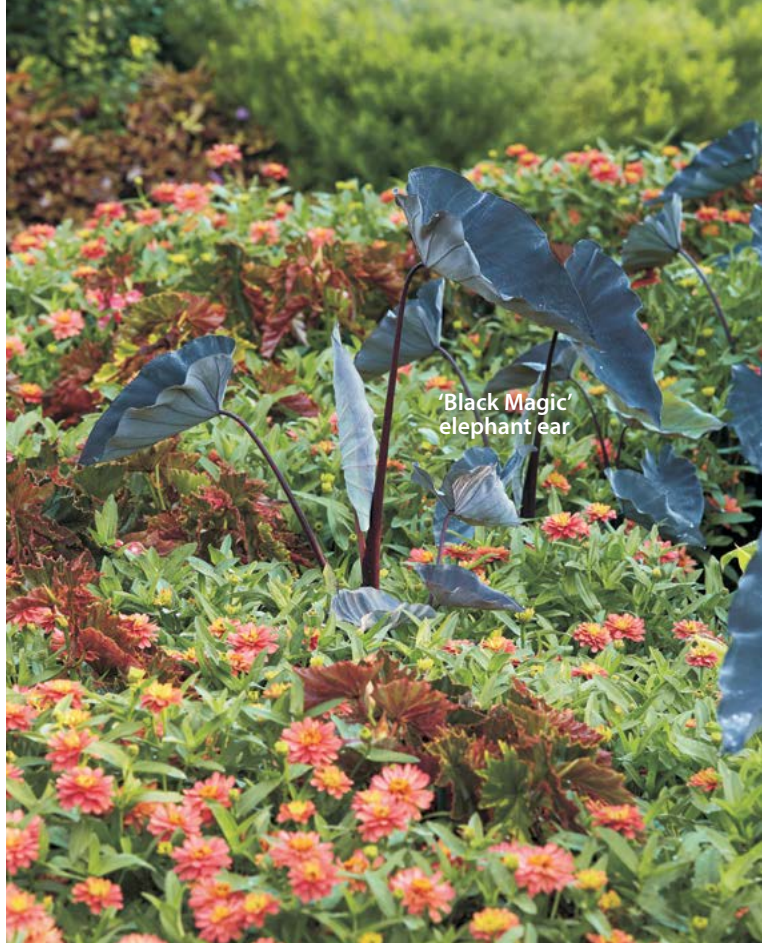
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How to Design **GORGEOUS
BEDS & BORDERS**

Your Guide to **CREATING THE
RIGHT MOOD WITH COLOR**



Sweet potato vine



'Black Magic' elephant ear

JEWELRY FOR THE GARDEN Want to add a touch of drama but not quite ready for too much black? Take a first step and introduce black focal points, such as a container or specimen plant. The black container provides a strong foundation color for the contrasting chartreuse-colored sweet potato vine (*Ipomoea batatas*) while also giving the eye a place to rest between the dominant red chair and door.

In the second image, the 'Black Magic' elephant ear (*Colocasia esculenta*) rises up from the bed to provide a visual break in the mass of zinnias. The black adds intrigue and a tropical flair to your garden.



ADD DEPTH Designing with decorative rock is a great way to introduce a dark surface into the garden. The dry stream bed consists of smooth, rounded gray-black pebbles. The varying widths are charming as is it mimics meandering movement around the contrasting boulders and points of interest, like the garden sculpture in the background. The pebbles take on a deep glossy rich character when wet and their darkness can distort depth perception, making the streambed seem deeper than it actually is.