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## Summer Cool

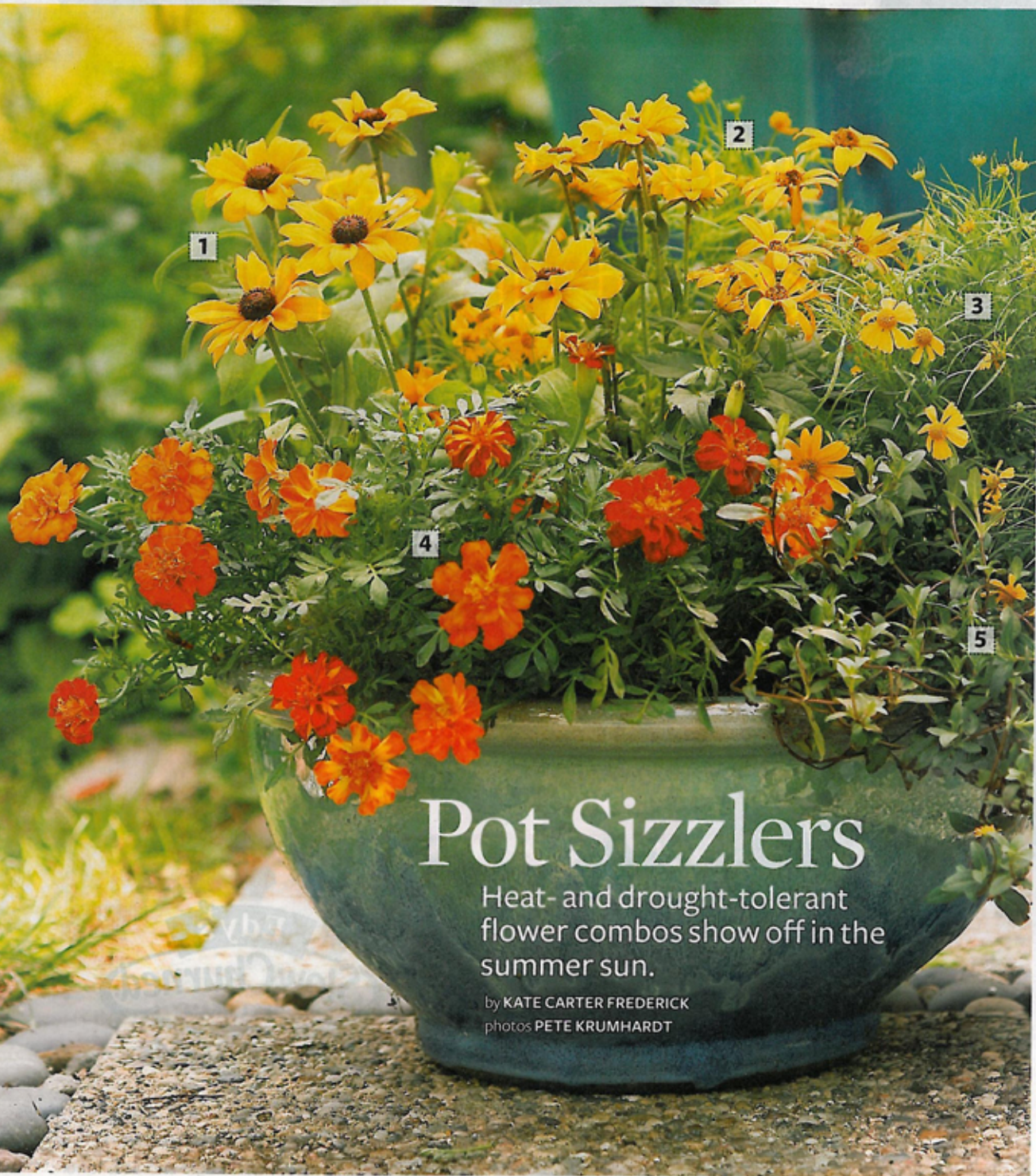
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## Pot Sizzlers

Heat- and drought-tolerant flower combos show off in the summer sun.

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### golden glow

When the rest of the garden fizzles in the heat, this grouping really shines.

**1. BLACK-EYED SUSAN** A short-lived perennial often used for annual color.

**2. 'TUSCAN SUN' HELIOPSIS** In fall, plant this perennial (Zones 3–9) in the ground.

**3. 'HELENA GOLD' SNEEZEWEED** Despite its name, this perennial (Zones 3–8) isn't a strong allergen.

**4. 'DURANGO' MARIGOLD** Go for the orangey new shades for this classic annual flower.

**5. 'GOLDEN AZTEC' SANVITALIA** A petite annual, with a draping habit, that thrives in heat.