

Caring For Your Landscape: Container Gardens

Want to transform your home and garden in a snap? Consider container gardening. Nothing brings a deck or patio to life like a colorful composition of plants and pottery. Let the staff help you with your next container garden project. When you use our potting service, putting together the perfect plan is as simple as 1, 2, 3! It is all about composition.

The possibilities are limited only by your imagination. Since you can pair planters with plants, and put planters into a landscape, any garden can be transformed in hours! Beginning with the proper container, add a good potting soil, and finish the mix with a time release fertilizer such as Osmocote. From that point select from our wide selection of Proven Winners to select the "thrillers", those plants that add the height and drama to anchor the planting. Next, the "fillers", the plants that feature a full, mounding growth habit; next finish your masterpiece with the "spillers", cascading flowers or foliage, or a combination of the two.

The beauty of container gardens is that you can change them out easily from season to season, and you can move them from patio to porch. An important point to remember when it comes to container gardening is drainage. A porous material at the bottom of the container, one that will not clog existing drainage holes, is a must. It doesn't have to be much, maybe a few pieces of broken clay pot.

The perfect soil mix is in the bag! Literally. Most potting soils are pH balanced, contain perlite to lighten the soil, ensuring good drainage. Yet they are rich in organic matter.

Once you get a feel for the growth habit of most plants you can mix and match plants to achieve great looks all throughout the year. This model works just as well on a whiskey barrel as it does on our 14" planter. Have fun creating your pot full of color all year long!

Combining Shapes _____



Mix shapes, sizes and textures.

A Recipe For Success _____

1. Trailing types- Vinca vine, cascading petunias, allysum, lobellia, verbena, portulaca
2. Mid-sized- Geraniums, marigolds, (french types), snapdragons (dwarf types), new guinea impatiens, salvias (dwarf types), dusty miller.
3. Uprights (spikes)- Dracena, marguerities, dwarf cannas, ornamental grasses

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