

How to Make a Winter Planter



November is here, and the frost has arrived. It is now time to change those planted urns into beautiful winter arrangements. First, remove all spent plant material from your planter. If the soil is frozen, warm the soil up with hot water or bring it inside to defrost. If you start with a new urn, insert you need to fill your container with worm compost or something similar that will be beneficial to the garden to hold your greenery. Next, consider where you are placing your urn. Will it be viewed from the front or all around?

To ensure the longevity of the plant material you are using, give each piece of greenery a fresh cut before placing it into your urn's soil.

Materials Needed

- prepared urn.
- decorative accents, for example, balls, birch poles, dogwood, cones or glittery accents.
- greenery to create your arrangement. Suggestions of amounts and types would be four pieces of Cedar, five pieces of Douglas Fir, two branches of Silver fir, two stems of Oregonia, two stalks of Magnolia. Remember, these are only suggestions. Feel free to substitute whatever you would like.
- garden gloves
- garden sheers

Steps

1. Start with your tallest material. If you are using a Birch pole, this will be the tallest material and should establish your height. Make sure the pole reaches deep down into the urn, making it secure.
2. With your Cedar, establish your height just in front or behind the Birch pole and or dogwood. The first stem of Cedar should be slightly lower or slightly taller than the accent height piece.
3. With the remaining Cedar, establish your width; use the edge of your container as a guide for the placement. If you are making a one-sided arrangement, use two pieces of the branch to establish the width on either side of the height. If you are making an all- round arrangement
4. You have now created an outline of your arrangement. Use the remaining greenery to fill in your line. Work from the height to the width, giving your material a fresh cut and varying the types of material you are inserting.
5. Time to be creative, add your personal touch. Follow the lines you have already created when inserting the accent material.
6. Water your planter well.

Enjoy,

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