



FACEBOOK LIVE SEMINAR

Decorating with Fresh Greens, Porch Pots, & More

Finding creative ways to decorate your home and garden for the holiday season is always a fun task that can bring your friends and family together. Join Mike Westphal, the Garden Guru, as he shares his best methods for decorating your porch or patio. Using fresh greens, creative decor, and a little Guru magic, Mike will prepare you for all things silver and gold this holiday season.

OUR HOLIDAY PLANT FAVES

Decorating for the holiday's is so much fun and there are so many great ways to use fresh greens whether you are decorating inside or out. Using what nature provides adds a real touch of winter and of course, an amazing fragrance to your holiday settings.

Some of our Favorite Fresh Cut Greens Varieties and Additions:

- **Conifers** - Arborvitae, Juniper, Cypress, Cedar, Fir, Pine, and Spruce.
- **Broadleaf Greens** - Holly, Boxwood, Nandina, Magnolia, Osmanthus, Acuba.
- **Accessories** - Pine cones, Bare Branches, Contorted Filbert, Birch, Herbs like Rosemary and Eucalyptus.

PRO TIP: Think outside the box with your holiday greens by using palm leaves, grass plumes, and dried hydrangea blooms!

Ways to Decorate

Decorating mantles, around pots, or on small tables inside or outside the home is easy! Just use your cut greens laid flat and keep adding until you get the desired look you are after. However, **porch pots** are one of the most popular ways to decorate with fresh cut greens. You can create these in any container that you love. Some container suggestions are terracotta, glazed ceramic, or even plastic pots.

Things you May Need to Decorate with Porch Pots:

- Pruners
- Gloves
- Wire
- Pots
- Soil (or root balls from previously expired plants, like mums).
- Accessories like pine cones, branches, lights, ornaments, ribbon, and more.
- And of course, fresh cut greens!

PRO TIP: Don't forget to treat your greens before making your porch pots by soaking them in water or using Wilt-Pruf to keep them looking fresh all season long.

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Time to Decorate!

To start, you will want to determine the style of your porch pot. How do you want it to look? Once you have chosen your greens and accessories, fill your chosen pot with soil and/or a root ball. Make sure the soil is tamped down tight so your greens will not fall over when placed in the pot.

Begin decorating by filling your pot of soil with a set of base greens. You will want to choose a lush type of green for this base to fill any holes you may have in your design later. As you go, mix in different types, textures, and colors of greens to add visual interest. Once you are nearing the end, add your centerpiece and accessories to bring the whole look together.

Water this arrangement 2-3 per week when placed outside. If your porch pot is indoors only, then water when the top layer of soil is dry.



See the Garden Guru's creation from the webinar for inspiration!

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