



FACEBOOK LIVE SEMINAR

How to Make a Porch Pot with Fresh Greens

The scent of fresh greens is one of our favorite parts of the holiday season. Not only are they aromatic, they're beautiful and fit seamlessly into any décor. Mike Westphal as he demonstrates how to use fragrant, fresh greenery to create a stunning porch pot - the perfect way to dress up your front porch, deck or patio.

Winter Containers can offer lots of possibilities; you can use trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals.

But if you want something different, and something that can change each year if you want, I enjoy making porch pots out of fresh greens.

They offer so much texture, color, natural beauty and that fresh evergreen smell

They can be natural, glitzy, or themed

Here is a list of what you will need

- fresh greens of your choice
- container
- soil – potting soil works best
- pruners
- ribbon
- pinecones
- sticks
- lights
- ornaments
- accessories (berries, other greenery, pinecones, twigs, etc.)

Step by step process:

1. Fill your container with potting soil and wet it down.(fresh greens will continually take up moisture until we get a hard freeze).
2. Firmly pack down soil.
3. Fill container with an evergreen of your choice.
4. Determine the size and shape.
5. Once it is full and shaped – add other textures with magnolia, holly, acuba or variegated evergreens
6. Add some height to the middle with stems, branches or berries (birch is a good option).
7. Add some flair with pinecones, ribbon and/or ornaments
8. Water if dry and enjoy.

TIP: Save all your clippings in case you need them later

Other options:

- Hanging baskets
- Small indoor arrangements
- Window Boxes
- lay, ceramic, plastic, in urns or anything else you think will work

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BEST GREENERY FOR WINTER PORCH POTS

- pine
- spruce
- arborvitae
- acuba
- junipers
- magnolia
- holly

ACCENTS FOR WINTER PORCH POTS

- pinecones
- twigs and branches
- berries (holly, juniper, yew, or beauty berries)
- ribbons and bows
- lights
- ornaments

TIP: Spray fresh greens with Wilt Pruf if they will be outside for any amount of time. This will keep them from turning brown, especially if we have a warmer winter.

SUPPLY LIST

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1. Determine the size and shape of your porch pot.
1. Fill your container with potting soil and wet it down. Fresh greens will continually take up moisture until we get a hard freeze.
2. Firmly pack down soil.
3. Fill container with an evergreen of your choice. Make sure the greenery is dense enough to fill in the open spaces and hide the soil.
4. Once it is full and shaped – add other textures with magnolia, holly, acuba or variegated evergreens
5. Add some height to the middle with stems, branches or berries (birch is great if you can find it).
6. Add smaller accents and embellishments like pinecones, ribbon, ornaments, lights, etc.

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OTHER CONTAINER OPTIONS:

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- window boxes
- clay, ceramic, plastic, urns, or anything else you think will work

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