Whiskey Barrel Planting Map

Perfectly position your thriller, fillers, and spillers for full sun

Grab our free printable map to arrange, space, and plant a thriving whiskey barrel. This exact layout perfectly positions your sun-loving plants for continuous blooms.



Key Barrel Measurements

24 in
Center thriller plant height at planting

4 in
Spacing between the filler root balls

45°
Outward lean for cascading rim spillers

3
Red bricks to elevate for drainage

Five 1-in
Drain holes in solid wood bottom

Three 50-qt
Bags of premium moisture-control potting mix

12
Total plants for a full barrel

Pinch Tips at Planting

Remove the very ends of the branching stem tips on your trailing plants. This instantly triggers explosive, bushy new growth for a much thicker, robust cascade.

The Layout Map

1. **Prep the Barrel** Drill the drainage holes, seal the interior, line with fabric, and elevate on the brick foundation.
2. **Mix the Soil** Add mesh screen, a two-inch bark layer, and fill to four inches below rim with soil.
3. **Anchor the Center** Plant the single mature grass directly in the dead center to establish a dramatic focal point.
4. **Layer the Fillers** Surround the grass with an alternating ring of five fillers, leaving adequate breathing room between them.
5. **Tilt the Spillers** Set six alternating trailing vines at the rim, leaning them outward so stems immediately cascade down.

Match Your Exterior Style

Find your row: **Your patio location**

Your patio location	Your pick	Why
Shady covered corner	Ferns and hostas	Brightens up a shade oasis
Outside kitchen door	Dense culinary herbs	Easy harvesting for farmhouse rustic
Evening terrace	All white blooms	Creates a formal, elegant look

Check Before You Plant

- ○ Measure the rim to ensure it is exactly 26 inches across.
- ○ Verify the spot receives six to eight hours of direct light.
- ○ Select the permanent location before adding heavy wet soil.
- ○ Sweep the sunny porch step completely clear of slippery debris.

Nursery Shopping List

- ☐ Genuine oak half-barrel planter
- ☐ Moisture-control potting mix
- ☐ Coarse perlite and granular fertilizer
- ☐ Large pine bark nuggets
- ☐ Mesh window screen and landscape fabric
- ☐ Non-toxic waterproofing sealer
- ☐ Sun-loving thriller, fillers, and spillers

Care & Maintenance Notes

Enjoy your lush, professionally styled barrel planter from early summer straight through frost!