

Potting Layer & Spacing Guide

Build a lush, lightweight planter from the drainage hole up.

Master the secret structural layers of oversized planters for perfect drainage and lush growth. Create a thriving display without the heavy lifting.

● Layer & Spacing Specs

1 paper filter

Coffee filter base over drainage hole

8-10 in

Inverted nursery pot false bottom

30 percent

Less soil volume required

2:1

Premium soil to coarse perlite

45 degrees

Angle for tilted root balls

1 inch

Hidden watering tube diameter

Top 1 inch

Amount of tube left visible

Avoid the dry-soil effect

Oversized planters suffer during summer heat because dense blooms shed water away. Always deliver water to the bottom third of the pot to prevent shallow roots.



● Assemble the Hidden Layers

- 1 Secure the base** Place the unbleached barrier directly over the opening to keep dirt from washing out.
- 2 Add false bottom** Center the empty plastic container upside down to keep the massive planter surprisingly light.
- 3 Blend the mix** Fill the remaining space with your aerated foundation and slow-release granular flower fertilizer.
- 4 Sink the pipe** Insert the bamboo or terracotta piece deep into the center before adding upright plants.
- 5 Angle the vines** Plant trailing foliage near the rim pointing outward for an instant cascading effect.

● Style Your Planter

Find your row: **Your container**

Your container	Your pick	Why
Concrete and silver	White orchids, silver dichondra	Modern minimalist cool-toned spill
Galvanized metal tub	Fragrant lavender	Rustic farmhouse charm
Glazed teal pot	Bright orange cannas	Tropical lush resort feel
Cast iron urn	Red geraniums, english ivy	Classic traditional curb appeal

● Check Before Planting

- ☐ Measure the interior height of your decorative planter.
- ☐ Check that the false bottom fills the lower third.
- ☐ Verify your planter has a primary drainage hole.
- ☐ Ensure your paper filters are unbleached natural paper.

● Garden Project Notes

Keep this reference sheet tucked in your gardening caddy for spring planting season.