

4-Season Planter Recipes

Create instant curb appeal with drop-in seasonal containers.

Master the exact proportions for a welcoming entryway and never struggle with undersized pots again. Use these combinations to effortlessly transition your porch through all four seasons.

● Proportions & Measurements

1/3

Planter height relative to door frame

26-28 in

Starting vessel height before adding plants

15 in

Minimum top opening to prevent overcrowding

12-14 in

Standard nursery insert size for drop-ins

1/2 in

Minimum insert rim overlap on lip

1 zone

Colder hardiness rating for focal evergreens

3-4 in

Spacing for continuous blooming annual fillers

2 in

Depth to test moisture before watering



The Mess-Free Secret

Rest a fully planted drop-in nursery pot right on the inner rim. This clever trick lets you lift the entire arrangement out without any messy digging.

● The Drop-In Assembly Method

- 1 **Add Ballast & Bottles** Place a heavy concrete paver, then fill the lower base with capped plastic recycling bottles.
- 2 **Add Soil Barrier** Lay permeable landscape fabric completely flat across the top of your empty plastic bottles.
- 3 **Prep the Insert** Drill extra holes around the lower perimeter of your plastic nursery pot to guarantee drainage.
- 4 **Plant the Layers** Center a focal evergreen, massage root balls of blooming fillers, and pin trailing vines.

● Choose Your Planter Material

Find your row: **Your climate and porch**

Your climate and porch	Your pick	Why
All-season & easy moving	Resin or Fiberglass	High durability and light weight
All-season & heavy winds	Concrete	High durability but very heavy
Summer season only	Ceramic	Medium durability and heavy

● Porch Checks Before Planting

- Track hours of direct sunlight to determine shade or full exposure.
- Measure the planter's precise interior opening and internal lip depth.
- Confirm the inner lip can support the weight of an insert.
- Verify if your porch is covered or a fully exposed stoop.

● Planter Style Recipes

- ☐ Modern Farmhouse: Galvanized tub, silvery olive tree, and white bacopa.
- ☐ Classic Traditional: Cast iron urn, red geraniums, and English ivy.
- ☐ Minimalist: Concrete cylinder, snake plant, and black river rocks.
- ☐ Coastal: Woven resin basket, blue hydrangeas, and creeping jenny.
- ☐ Southwest: Terracotta bowl, structural agave, and string of pearls.
- ☐ Core 4-Season: Focal evergreen, sweet alyssum, and sweet potato vines.

● Seasonal Swap Ideas

Enjoy your gorgeous, welcoming entryway that looks professionally styled all year long!