Two-Weekend Front Yard Plan

Map out, edge, plant and mulch a stunning no-dig landscape bed.

Transform your front yard without the backbreaking work of removing the existing lawn. This cardboard no-dig method smothers grass quickly while preserving vital topsoil.



Key Measurements

4 in
Spade-cut edge depth to block grass

½ width + 1 ft
Shrub distance from house siding

⅓ door height
Tall planter height for front entry

6 in
Minimum cardboard overlap to block weeds

3-4 in
Organic hardwood bark mulch thickness

2-3 in
Mulch gap around woody stems

Let the mower draw it

Push your lawnmower in a sweeping curve across the yard, using the distinct wheel track left in the grass as the exact cutting guide for the new edge.

Two-Weekend Installation Sequence

1. **Mark And Edge Bed** Mow low, bag clippings, and cut a vertical trench exactly along the mower track.
2. **Lay Cardboard Layer** Overlap plain brown boxes over the lawn, tossing excavated sod grass-side down underneath.
3. **Plant Through Barrier** Cut an X through the cardboard, plant shrubs, water deeply, and fold flaps back.
4. **Apply Thick Mulch** Cover the entire base with hardwood bark mulch, pulling it away from woody stems.

Adapt To Your Style

Find your row: **Your home's architecture**

Your home's architecture	Your pick	Why
Romantic Cottage	Soft pastel perennials	Softens hard pathways with abundant layers
Modern Minimalist	Black mulch & grasses	High contrast against sleek concrete hardscaping
Desert Oasis	Warm gravel & succulents	Keeps crowns dry and reflects light

Material Shopping List

- [ ] Plain brown cardboard from appliance or local bike shops
- [ ] Bulk hardwood bark mulch based on total square footage
- [ ] Evergreen foundation shrubs (determine quantity per 100 sq ft)
- [ ] Tall planters matching your home's exterior trim or door

Check Before You Start

- ○ Measure your new bed's total square footage to order bulk deliveries.
- ○ Check plant tags for the specific mature width to calculate spacing.
- ○ Verify every pot has multiple large drainage holes drilled into bottom.
- ○ Ensure cardboard is plain brown, avoiding glossy prints or wax coatings.

Project Notes & Measurements

Enjoy your stunning new front yard landscape and the curb appeal it brings!