Before-Lunch Porch Styling Plan

Your exact shopping list and 4-hour timeline for a layered autumn display.

Style a professional-looking Halloween porch in a single morning without making multiple nursery trips. Use this sequence to build a beautiful, structurally sound cascade that survives the season.



Key Styling Details

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Flat Cinderellas for stable topiary

2/3 stack height
Ideal matte-black lantern scale

6-hour
Built-in pillar timer setting

Twice a week
Watering schedule at soil base

Skip the messy repotting!
Keep mums securely in their plastic nursery pots! Drop them directly into your tall decorative urns, then tuck thick green sheet moss tightly around the inner rim.

The Morning Styling Sequence

1. **8:00 a.m.: Source Pumpkins** Gather your flat and round varieties for a natural, gathered aesthetic.
2. **9:30 a.m.: Prep Urns** Elevate nursery containers on empty water bottles and hide rims with moss.
3. **10:15 a.m.: Anchor Cascade** Place the biggest gourd lowest, resting flat bottoms on hidden protectors.
4. **11:00 a.m.: Secure Topiary** Drive the wooden spine through the stacked gourds to lock them together.
5. **11:45 a.m.: Add Glow** Set the metal lantern beside the arrangement for automatic dusk lighting.

Pumpkin Patch Shopping List

- [ ] 12-15 mixed heirloom pumpkins
- [ ] 2 rust mums in 10-inch pots
- [ ] 6-8 round cork kitchen trivets (8-inch)
- [ ] 1 3/8-inch wooden dowel (36 inches)
- [ ] 1 6-inch flameless LED pillar candle
- [ ] Thick green sheet moss and crushed gravel
- [ ] Mild water-and-vinegar solution spray

Check Before Styling

- Assess daily sun exposure to avoid scorching delicate blooms in afternoon heat.
- Inspect painted steps weekly to ensure no moisture is trapped against wood.
- Check tall black urns for crushed gravel ballast to prevent tipping.

Adapt to Your Space

Find your row: **Your porch details**

Your porch details	Your pick	Why
Steps wider than 4 feet	Weave faux leaf garland	Fills space without adding tripping hazards
Shaded or covered area	Choose golden yellow mums	Brightens spots lacking direct morning sunlight
Pale porcelain pumpkins used	Select deep burgundy mums	Adds necessary dark contrast against white
Top gourd lacks strong stem	Hot-glue dried acorns	Conceals the exposed wooden dowel hole

Autumn Styling Notes

Enjoy coming home to your beautiful, welcoming autumn porch every single evening!