Botanical Halloween Styling Checklist

Build a chic, nature-inspired autumn entryway with organic layers.

Skip the plastic skeletons and purposefully layer organic materials for an elevated console display. Use this prop-hunting guide to forage and source a sophisticated white and brass arrangement.



Key Styling Proportions

40%
Minimum exposed rustic wood surface

1/3 from left
Anchor vase position on console

24-36 in
Length for dried foraged stems

Every 4 in
Spacing for clear putty dots

45 degrees
Angle for stem cuts and uplight

2700K-3000K
Warm temperature for puck light

Protect Your Wood Console

Place a thin, hidden layer of parchment paper under real pumpkins to protect porous wood finishes from unexpected moisture or sap damage.

Prop-Hunting Guide

- [ ] Matte white heirloom pumpkins in varied sizes
- [ ] Unlacquered vintage brass candlesticks
- [ ] Preserved reindeer and wispy Spanish moss
- [ ] Large clear glass vase and glass marbles
- [ ] Dried hydrangea heads and tall foraged branches
- [ ] Vintage apothecary bottles with original stoppers
- [ ] Battery-operated puck light
- [ ] Clear museum putty and stick-um candle adhesive

Prep and Placement Checks

- Keep console away from active air registers to prevent brittle moss.
- Clean vase with distilled white vinegar and warm water.
- Shake branches outdoors to dislodge insects before bringing them inside.
- Stagger candlesticks in a loose triangle to mimic organic natural growth.

Apothecary Bottle Placement

Find your row: **Bottle height**

Bottle height	Your pick	Why
4 to 5 inches	Tuck near front edge	Catches low daylight beautifully
6 to 8 inches	Place toward the back	Bridges height gap to branches

Styling Notes

Enjoy your beautifully layered, nature-inspired autumn entryway all season long.