Inside-Out Lantern Styling Guide

Master professional porch decor with perfect proportions and seamless seasonal swaps.

Build a beautifully balanced lantern arrangement using this exact inside-out styling method. Establish a stable core foundation to ensure your decorative foliage enhances rather than overwhelms the perimeter.



Core Styling Proportions

Halfway up visible glass
Pane-centered flame target

Pea-sized amount
Museum wax anchor base

Below glass bottom edge
Below-frame filler height limit

Under the pillar candle
Hidden acrylic riser position

At least 2 inches narrower
Candle clearance vs lantern floor

Fraction of an inch
Door crack for condensation airflow

Adjusting The Flame

If the flame leans after assembly, gently twist the acrylic block rather than pushing the candle. This prevents the wax anchor from breaking and keeps the pillar perfectly vertical.

Filler & Candle Sizing

Find your row: **Lantern height**

Lantern height	Your pick	Why
12-inch	4x6 in, 2 stems	Requires no acrylic riser
18-inch	4x8 in, 3-4 stems	Requires 2-inch acrylic riser
24-inch	6x10 in, 5-6 stems	Requires 3-inch acrylic riser

Pre-Assembly Checks

- ○ Measure visible glass pane height accurately from bottom to top frame.
- ○ Test the combined candle and riser fit inside the lantern frame.
- ○ Trim the greenery stem wire to the proper length before placing.
- ○ Clean the interior glass surfaces thoroughly with a simple vinegar solution.

Seasonal Styling Ideas

- ☐ Flexible wire-based seeded eucalyptus for everyday organic drape.
- ☐ Smooth sea glass and white coral pieces for coastal style.
- ☐ Dried wheat and neutral grasses for rustic farmhouse textures.
- ☐ Dark river stones to contrast beautifully with sleek finishes.
- ☐ Faux pine branches and miniature pinecones for festive winter decor.

My Styling Notes

Enjoy your beautifully tailored, high-end outdoor decor that shines perfectly in every season!