

Front Step Placement Map

Arrange a stable, cascading autumn display without blocking your busy entryway.

Map out your functional zones first to keep weekday mornings safe and smooth. Then, build a secure, layered arrangement using everyday household items for hidden support.

● Clearance & Placement

36 inches

Minimum width for main walking path

6 inches

Buffer from maximum door swing arc

15-20 lbs

Weight for hidden crate base

1/4 inch

Gap from 3 bottle cap risers

20°F

Root protection for frost-hardy kale

2-3

Pinecones to wedge downhill slope

3 or 5

Items per heirloom gourd cluster

Positioning your crate

Place the crate's solid bottom facing forward to prevent heavy pumpkins from sinking backward into the flexible wooden slats over time.



● Building your cascade

- 1 **Anchor the base** Center a sturdy wooden crate in your decor zone to support your absolute largest anchor piece.
- 2 **Layer the heirlooms** Start largest at the back, working forward to draw the eye down the concrete steps.
- 3 **Secure the slope** Wedge with pinecones directly against the smooth rind to lock unstable gourds safely in place.
- 4 **Conceal the gaps** Tuck Spanish moss filler into empty shadows to hide structural supports and soften harsh masonry lines.

- **Maximum pumpkin base size**

Find your row: **Your tread depth**

Your tread depth	Your pick	Why
10 inches	8 inches	Leaves a 2-inch clearance margin
11 inches	9 inches	Leaves a 2-inch clearance margin
12 inches	10 inches	Leaves a 2-inch clearance margin

● Checks for your steps

- ☐ Designate a strict center or side path before placing decor.
- ☐ Open your front door fully to map the swing arc.
- ☐ Sweep the top step completely bare of slippery organic debris.
- ☐ Check the empty hidden crate base for wobbles before loading.
- ☐ Verify your frost-hardy kale gets four hours of morning sun.
- ☐ Give every positioned pumpkin a firm nudge to test stability.

● My porch notes

Enjoy your beautifully styled, perfectly secure autumn entryway!