

How to Plant a Hanging Basket

TOP TIP

Water regularly and feed weekly with liquid fertiliser such as Tomorite

A quick, easy and rewarding garden project to inject a pop of colour into your outside space. A great way to welcome visitors to your front door or to brighten up your patio or balcony.

Step By Step Guide



1 Select your basket to fit your style and space, from traditional metal, to woven cone baskets and eco-friendly self-watering plastics.



2 Choose your favourite summer flowering basket plants, including a mixture of both upright and trailing ones for a show stopping display. For best results plant in odd numbers, such as 7s or 9s for a natural look.



3 Half fill the basket with good quality compost. Tub and Basket or multi-purpose compost is ideal, adding water retaining granules and slow release fertiliser for strong growth. It helps to stand the basket on an empty flower pot while planting to keep it steady.



4 If planting a traditional basket with a liner, insert trailing plants through the sides, covering the roots with a layer of compost and firming gently into place.



5 Plant the top of the basket. Upright plants are ideal for the centre, with trailing ones to grow over the sides. Tuck compost into any remaining gaps, and water well to settle into place.



6 Keep protected until all risk of frost has passed, before hanging on your patio or doorstep ready to enjoy a glorious display of flower colour all summer long.



Know Your Flowering Basket Plants

- **Trailing Geraniums** These popular and easy to grow basket plants are available in a wide range of gorgeous colours and will remind you of holidays in the Mediterranean!
- **Trailing Petunias** Available in a huge range of colours, petunias are guaranteed to fill your basket with trailing flowers. Look out for scented varieties too.
- **Trailing Verbena** Masses of delicate flowers, perfect for tying your basket display together. Exceptionally long flowering.

Shopping List

Hanging basket
Bracket
Your choice of basket plants
Good quality multi-purpose compost
Water retaining gel
Slow release fertiliser
Liquid fertiliser
Hand trowel
Watering can

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