



FACEBOOK LIVE SEMINAR

Porch Pots with Pizzazz: How to Make a Beautiful Porch Pot Bursting with Blooms

MAKING PORCH POTS

A well-crafted porch pot can provide a pop of color, texture, and fragrance that can brighten up your porch and create a warm and welcoming atmosphere. But how can you create a porch pot bursting with blooms that looks professional and polished? We'll cover everything you need to know about selecting the right plants, arranging them to create an eye-catching display, and maintaining your porch pot throughout the growing season.

WHAT YOU NEED

Making porch pots with pizzazz starts with gathering the right materials:

- **Plants:** A selection of colors you love, as well as plants that pair well together, is a good place to start. Our Green Team is here to help you find the right selection in-store.
- **Soil:** You will need an all-purpose potting soil like our McDonald Potting Soil Mix. Potting soil is formulated to keep plants happy in pots by holding onto moisture and providing more nutrients.
- **Pots:** Choose a container that works for your space, as well as your personality! Note that the size of the pot you choose will dictate how many plants you need.
- **Plant Food:** Choosing a high-quality plant food before you plant, as well as after throughout the season, is key to keeping your plants growing beautifully. Try our McDonald Greenleaf plant food in combination with Espoma's Biotone Starter Plus for great results.

THRILLER, FILLER, SPILLER

One of the best ways to make a balanced porch pot is our "Thriller, Filler, Spiller" method.

- **Thriller** – usually adds some height and can provide pizzazz to your container combination.
- **Filler** – Fills up the container just above the rim of the pot.
- **Spiller** – Trails over the side of your container.

Through this method, you can find a wide variety of porch pot "recipes" that look great and preform even better together.

STARTING YOUR OWN POT

We often use Proven Winners plants in our porch pots, as we know that they are going to preform profusely throughout the season.

- Ogon acorus (thriller), coleus (filler), yellow million bell (spiller)
- "Above and Beyond" Supertunia combo (filler/thriller)
- White verbena, purple petunia, and bidens (filler/thriller)
- Dusty Miller (thriller), diamond frost Euphorbia (filler), dichondra (spiller)
- Miscanthus grass (thriller), coelus & sweet potato vine (filler), pink petunias (spiller)
- Dark coleus (thriller) gomphrena (filler), white & purple striped petunias (spiller)

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