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Extraordinary Flower Pots For Our Home Garden

Colorful Custom Planters or Pots

In gardening, commercial planters pose greater benefits and advantages than the ordinary clay pots that we use at home. Aside from durability and quality, commercial planters have more features such as the self-watering devices and reservoirs. But today, there are already commercialized pots available in the market.

Flower pots used to be made of clay. To be honest, clay is not an ideal material for outdoor planters because they are not very durable and they can easily break. Thus, clay pots cannot withstand strong weather conditions much longer. But with the innovation of commercial planter boxes, flower pots can now be placed outdoors and may only need less maintenance.

Most flower pots nowadays are already made of durable materials such as fiberglass, metal, or PVC. These materials are ideal for outdoor planters so that they won't easily get destroyed in case of increment weather or minor accidents. They are also made with high-quality by trusted manufacturers.

These modern planters for residential use mostly have self-



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irrigating and self-watering devices as well that make gardening more manageable for us. Aside from that, we can also ensure that our most loved plants will surely be nurtured even if we cannot attend to them too frequently. Even if we bring them inside our home, there is nothing to worry about water leaking out of the flower pots.

The main point of this article is that flower pots for our home gardens are no longer ordinary as what they were used to be. We can already use those luxurious hotel planters and elegant restaurant planters that we see in some business establishments. Maybe we can have just the small ones that will fit in our home or the medium-sized planter boxes to put outside.

So if you are still using that clay flower pot, maybe its about time to consider using commercial planters. They may be higher in price but with the many advantages that you can get from them, they are definitely worth every penny you spent.

Beth Delos Santos shares tips on how to make your public spaces more attractive and inviting by using containers such as fiberglass planters, city planters, large planters, and other types of indoor and outdoor planters. For a complete selection of planters, please visit Planters Unlimited or call 760-603-0888.

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Your Own Potted Herb Garden

If you're a new herb gardener, or have limited space available, creating a potted herb garden might be just the right answer for you. Even if you're an experienced gardener, with a fantastic outdoor plot, having some herb pots in the garden can add interesting focal points. You can also have a few potted herbs on your deck, for quick and easy access, or even some herb containers in your kitchen so that you have the freshest possible selection for your cooking needs. There really are very few places where you can't have a happy, healthy selection of herbs grown in pots. Regardless of where you plant them, your herbs are going to require:

- 1) adequate light,
- 2) proper nutrients, and
- 3) adequate moisture.

Adequate Lighting

All plants require light to grow. Natural sunlight, if you can



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get it in sufficient quantities throughout the day, is best. Try to locate indoor plants in a room with the most total hours of sunlight. In my location, the southern part of Saskatchewan, Canada, my best bet is a room with a south-west exposure. Now even the most well-lit room might not have sufficient natural lighting, so you'll probably want to supplement with artificial lights. This can be easily accomplished, at relatively little expense.

Proper Nutrients

Unless you're going to try a hydroponics approach, this means proper soil. The soil that you ask your herbs to grow in needs to provide the nutrients that the plant requires. Potted herbs will soon devour the limited nutrients of the pot's soil, so you have to replenish it.

Use a natural "plant food" as a supplement. Talk to your local nursery staff for their recommendations on organic supplements that are readily available in your area. Follow the instructions for the particular product you choose.

The consistency of the soil is as important as the nutrient level. To make an ideal soil for use in your containers, mix two parts of sterilized potting soil with one part coarse sand or perlite. For proper drainage, put about an inch of gravel at the bottom your pots.

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Adequate Moisture

All plants need water, and this is no different for potted plants as for those planted outside. But too much water can be as harmful as not enough. When growing herbs in containers, take care that you're not over-watering and drenching the roots. This can cause the root to rot. Making sure that your pot drains well will help to eliminate this problem.

To avoid over watering, you can provide adequate moisture by simply misting the plants on a regular basis and only lightly watering the soil itself. To check the moisture level, simply poke your finger in the soil, down to a depth of about half an inch. If the soil feels dry, you need to water.

An advantage to growing herbs in a container is that you have the freedom to move them about as you please. Annual herbs can spend all of their time indoors but perennials do better if placed outside during the summer. Keep in mind, however, that most herbs should be brought inside before the first frost in order to avoid the loss of foliage. This rule does not apply to mint, chives, and tarragon, which will go into a rest period, then form firmer and fresher growth, after they experience a light frost. While all herbs can be grown in containers, some will do better than others. Mint will take over the garden if not contained.



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Use your potted herbs as much as you want and, even if you aren't using them, harvest them occasionally. Pruning plants encourages new growth, so if you can't immediately use them in your own recipes, remember that you can preserve them for storage or give them away to friends as flavorful and welcome gifts from your own, potted, garden of herbs.

Don and his wife, Karen, are both gardening enthusiasts who are actively involved in community gardening. They both believe that gardening is a perfect way to gain enjoyment, relax, unwind and build community.

Herb Garden Pot

Coming in many forms and sizes, an herb garden pot allows a person to have a container herb garden. There are even methods of having several herbs in one pot. Either it is a very large pot or the pot is designed with several holes or places in which you can plant a variety of herbs neatly and creatively.

An herb garden pot allows anyone to have an herb mini-garden. Because a pot is easily moved from area to area, you can have your herb mini-garden inside the house, in different rooms,

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outside in the patio, outside by the pool, or as part of the actual garden, up on the roof deck, etc. The versatility of this is that it allows it to be anywhere in the house, as well as be taken anywhere. This means that people can maintain the same garden even if they move from one state to the other. Some may see this as unnecessary, but it can be quite important to those who become very attached to their plants. This is also one way to control the size of your herb garden. Because you have placed all your plants in a pot, it requires you to give special attention to the garden. Pruning and/or harvesting will come more often than in an outdoor garden.

While there are quite a few benefits, an herb garden pot is not without its limitations. Trying to maintain an herb in a pot can be a challenge because some herbs tend to grow to be relatively large plants and will outgrow their pot. Particularly strong plants may even break their pot if the pot is made of clay or will end up dying when they try to break through the pot if it's made of other materials that plant roots may not be strong enough to penetrate. The frequent pruning and harvesting can also be a disadvantage as some people tend to over-prune or over-harvest and end up killing their plant because it has been stripped bare. Another disadvantage is that you will definitely have to move your pots to places that get sunlight everyday. This is especially without fail during the crucial growing stages. If your pots



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are very large, moving the herb pot around can be a chore, though the benefits of having fresh herbs are usually well worth it.

Despite the limitations, an herb garden pot is very popular among herb growers, and among plant enthusiasts who live in big cities or apartments with no access to a garden. There are many different kinds of pots, ranging from plastic, biodegradable, terra cotta clay, metals like tin, ceramic, and many more! The designs have become very popular and someone who intends on starting an herb garden will have plenty to choose from! Just be sure that all your pots do not use any chemicals that can be harmful when ingested, this is especially important if you plan to eat the herbs you grow! Check the label on the pot to be sure!

You think herb, you think Italian herb garden instantly. Find out how to make yours by clicking on the link.