

THE INCREDIBLE PLANT STAND!™



You will need:

5 – 6 clay pots with drain holes consisting of the

following: One 12” pot for the base, two 10” pots, and then 2 or 3 more pots that are progressively smaller for the top that will cover the stem completely when stacked. It would be a good idea to take the stand to the store to be sure it will fit in your base pot so that there is no more than 1” between the tops of the wings and the sides of the pot all the way around and the lip of the pot should be higher than the stand’s wings that will be hidden inside the base by the soil. Most pots have a sticker on the side with the size on it. Pots are measured by the diameter at the top. Best: 12” base pot, two 10”, one 8”, one 6”.

Potting soil

Plants to fill containers: Choose plants with similar light and water requirements. Your nursery person will help you if you are unsure. The larger the plants you use, the fewer you will need to fill the pots.

In the picture at the left I used a combination of 4” plants and six packs to fill the pots for a total of 22 small plants.

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- Instructions: 1. Decide on a theme, ie. herb garden, summer garden, shade garden. Choose plants that have the same light and water requirements. Keep in mind where you will put the garden when it is finished. Include upright and trailing plants for variety. If you are unsure, your nursery person will be able to help you.
2. Construct it on a **level spot** where it will sit when finished. It will be too heavy to move when complete.
3. The bottom of the base 12” pot should have a diameter of approximately eight (8) inches. The pot should be tall enough to be higher than the tops of the butterfly wings (the bars which protrude from the center pole) so that the wings are buried in the potting soil when the pot is filled. Use clay pots with holes. The weight will help secure the structure. Put the stand into the center of the base pot. Put in $\frac{1}{2}$ – $\frac{3}{4}$ pot full of rocks in the bottom pot to add weight and maintain drainage, then, fill with potting soil to the top of the butterfly wings.
4. Slide a 10” pot down over the stem and rest the base cradled in between two of the butterfly shaped wings so that the pot sits at an angle with the lip of the pot resting against the upright pole. Finish filling the base pot with soil and plants.
5. Fill the second pot, then slide pot #3 (10”) down over the pole, resting the third pot at an angle on the opposite side of pot #2, making sure the pot rests on the lip of pot #2 and the back lip of pot #3 leans and rests on the pole. Finish filling pot #2 with soil and plants. Pots #2 and #3 should be the same size to balance the structure (10”).
6. Repeat with graduated smaller pots (8” then 6”) until the entire pole is covered and you can no longer see it. If you wish to add a finial on the top, use a 6” azalea pot instead of a standard pot to allow a bit of the pole to stick up for your finial.
7. Water gently, and don’t forget an occasional feeding! Enjoy!

Plants included in the above garden are: Begonia, Old Gold (Variegated Japanese Sedge), Variegated Weeping Fig, Vinca Major Variegata, Calibrachoa, Torenia, Pink Pewter Dead Nettle, Hypeostes “Splash Select Rose”, Lobelia, Dwarf Mondo Grass.

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