

# THE INCREDIBLE PORCH/TREE HANGER™



#### **You will need:**

**3 - 4 clay pots with drain holes:** Each pot should have a drain hole in the bottom. Take your hanger to the store to be sure it will fit through the drain holes. You may use all pots the same size, or use different sizes starting with the largest at the bottom. Do not use a pot larger than 8". The number of pots used will be determined by size pots you use. The picture shown is all one size (6"). Use clay. The weight will help stabilize the hanger. BEST: Three 8", One 6".

**AN OPEN HOOK to screw into your porch beam** that is strong enough to hold at least 50 pounds.

#### **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.

**A Strong Assistant:** An extra pair of hands is very helpful to hang this.

**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. Choose a place to hang your garden, leaving sufficient space around the area as the hanging garden will swing a bit in the wind. Remove the clamp and chain from the hanger.

3. Thread the first pot onto the hanger through the drain hole so that the base of the pot rests on the bend of the hanger and is supported by the bent piece. Continue threading each subsequent pot on the hanger, nestling each pot inside of the previous pot. Re-attach the clamp and chain.

4. Hang on the hook that you have put into your beam. Carefully lift all of the pots out of the bottom pot. When you do, the bottom pot will fall into place into the hook, leaning to one direction. Rest those pots on the lip of the bottom pot. Carefully lift the top pots out of the next pot, gently placing the second pot that is still resting on the lip of the bottom pot to lean in the opposite direction of the base pot. Rest the lip of each pot against the metal hanger. Continue in the same manner until all pots are un-nestled.

5. Fill the pots with potting soil and plants. Water gently, and don't forget an occasional feeding! Enjoy!