

Top Ten Reasons to "Plant in a Pot"

With countless options available, container gardens can serve many purposes, so before you begin, pick your reason and plant accordingly.

1. **Create a focal point:** If your garden lacks a place for your eye to rest, a strategically placed pot will help draw your attention.
2. **Bring life to a shady corner:** do large trees or other structures make for lifeless corners? Add interest with pots filled with colorful, deep shade loving coleus.
3. **Make a welcoming entrance:** Pots with fragrant flowers by the front door are a lovely welcome for you and your guests.
4. **A vegetable garden for any home:** If your vegetable garden is the local wildlife salad bar, try moving your planting to a container on your deck or patio.
5. **Perfect for tight spaces:** Even the smallest patio can be enhanced by container gardens.
6. **Garden year round:** That's right; container gardens are not just for outside. Try a terrarium and garden all year long! (Click [here](#) to learn how)
7. **Makes a great gift:** Cut flower fade, but a container filled with beautiful, fragrant flowers will last all season long. Try it for Mother's day!
8. **No weeding required:** If it's weeds that keep you from enjoying a lush garden, then containers are perfect! Just make sure you start with good screened soil and you should be weed free!
9. **Get the kids involved:** Children take pride in the things they create and container gardening is great way to develop a love of gardening. Try having them plant their own fruits and vegetables...I bet they'll eat 'em!
10. **Create a living screen:** Neighbors too close for comfort? Try planting bamboo in containers. This fast, tall growing plant can be quite invasive when planted in the ground, but stays just where you want when planted in containers.

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