

TOP TIP

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Plant a succulent window box

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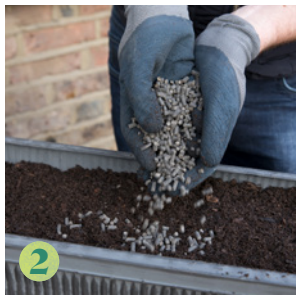


A simple weekend project that is small-scale gardening at its best.

Measure your windowsill. You want a box narrow enough that it will not overhang the edge of the sill, while also tall enough that you'll be able to see your plants from inside your home as well as from the outside.



If your window box does not have drainage holes in the base, carefully drill several evenly spaced holes in it.



Fill the box close to the top with compost. Mix in some slow-release fertilizer in line with the product application instructions.



Select your largest plant, which will be the centerpiece of the display. Plant this in the middle of the box. Add any other large plants on either side.



Working from the front edge of the box, arrange the remaining plants, tilting them slightly forwards so that they are clearly visible.



Once the box is fully planted, cover any open soil with a decorative gravel or mulch.



Water the box thoroughly, then position it on the windowsill or within the wall brackets, if used.



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