PLANTING HANGING BASKETS

Hanging baskets can add colour and increase biodiversity in unexpected places. They need regular watering, so don’t forget about them!

Materials:
- Wire hanging basket
- A natural fibre liner
- Compost
- Trailing plants - e.g. ivy, lobelia, nasturtium, begonia, trailing sweet pea, verbena
- Taller plants - e.g. thyme, sage, geranium
- Hand tools and gloves
- If there isn’t already a hook to hang it from you will need:
  - Hanging basket bracket
  - Masonry drill and screws
  - Rawlplugs to fit the screws

What to do:

STEP 1: FILL THE BASKET WITH COMPOST
If you have a wire basket, line with plastic or moss first.

STEP 2: ARRANGE THE PLANTS
Try and put the trailing plants around the edges, with taller ones in the middle. You could also make holes for plants to poke through the bottom of the basket.

STEP 3: PLANT THE FLOWERS
Make a hole big enough for each plant. Turn each pot upside down and squeeze gently then gently break up the roots. Put the plant in the hole you prepared and pat the soil around it firmly.

STEP 5: HANG UP THE BASKET
Choose where the basket is going and hang it up. If there is not a bracket to hang it on already, you can put one up.

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