

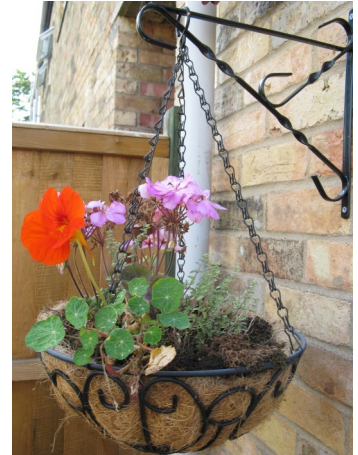
PLANTING HANGING BASKETS

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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