

PUT TOGETHER A PICKET PLANTER

DRESS UP YOUR PORCH WITH A COTTAGE-GARDEN PLANTER

This charming planter looks great on an old-fashioned porch when filled with ferns and ivy or cheerful red geraniums.

MATERIALS

- One 2-foot-long 1 × 3 (center picket)
- Two 20-inch-long 1 × 3s (pickets)
- Two 16-inch-long 1 × 3s (pickets)
- Two 12-inch-long 1 × 3s (pickets)
- Two 3-foot-long 2 × 6s (front and back)
- One 3-foot-long 2 × 12 (bottom of planter box)
- Nails
- Two 12-inch-long 2 × 6s (sides of planter box)
- Two 2½-foot-long 2 × 4s (front legs)
- Two 4-foot-long 2 × 4s (back legs/uprights)
- One 3-foot-long 1 × 3 (horizontal support for pickets)
- Two 4-inch-long 1 × 6s (top caps)
- Paint
- Window-box liner, not more than 10 × 34 inches

TOOLS

- Jigsaw or circular saw
- Pencil
- Straightedge ruler
- Measuring tape
- Hammer
- Drill
- Paintbrush

DIRECTIONS

1. Cut the top of the center picket to a point. Cut the tops of the other pickets on a slant the same as the angle of the center point.

2. Build the planter box, nailing together the front, back, sides, and bottom. Drill $\frac{1}{4}$ - to $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch holes in the bottom for drainage.

3. Attach front legs to the front of the box so that the bottom of the box is 2 feet above the bottom of the legs. The legs extend to the top of the box at the front corners.

4. Attach the back legs to the box so that the bottom of the box is 2 feet above the bottom of the legs. The legs extend 18 inches above the back corners of the box.

5. Attach the central picket to the box so its bottom is flush with the bottom of the box.

6. Measure and attach other pickets equidistant between the central picket and back leg extensions. Make sure the angled tops are all going in the correct direction, with the highest side of the angle facing toward the center picket.

7. Attach the horizontal support across the pickets, nailing it to the back leg extensions.

8. Nail the top caps on the top of the back leg extensions.

9. Paint the planter box, insert the window-box liner, and fill with soil mix and plants.

This old-fashioned planter is perfect for showcasing your favorite plants.

