

Fall planters will provide a feast for the eyes



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Autumn is a visual feast, and fall container planting is a simple way to add to the festivities.

One or two of your summer containers are all that's needed to make a respectable

fall statement. Make sure they will withstand the frost (freezing temperatures will destroy clay pots), and avoid any that are obviously summer themed.

Potted chrysanthemums are a simple and fast choice. These lovely no-nonsense, fall flowers will withstand the first few frosts. They come in a multitude of colours. Reds, oranges, and yellows are traditional autumn colours, but purples, pinks, and whites are also available. Chrysanthemums have a stiff upright form, and a container filled with one type makes a splendid fall arrangement. No fall container plants will overwinter, so don't worry about matching the growing conditions. Put them whenever you're going to most enjoy seeing them.

If you've got a bit of time, assemble your fall containers using odds and ends from your summertime pots and gardens.

Select those that have managed to get through our cold nights with a bit of self-respect. Ideal candidates include ornamental grasses, aster, strawflower, sage, some of the ivies, and flowering cabbage



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Chrysanthemums can make a splendid addition to your fall floral arrangements.

and kale. If your lavender or rosemary are headed for the composter, they'd make a perfect addition to a fall container.

As well, overgrown perennials such as autumn joy sedum, lady's mantle, and coral bells make a

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