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Grow your Own Sustainable Planter Recipe

“To plant a garden however small, is to believe in the future”

Plant bulbs in Autumn (September to December)

Plant perennial plants and shrubs in pots Spring - Autumn

Only bare-rooted shrubs can be planted over the winter

This recipe can be adapted for any size spaces or planters.

YOU WILL NEED:

A square metre of soil or planter in a sunny spot .

Purchased or home-made horticultural PEAT-FREE compost for a planter.

Horticultural potting grit or conifer foliage for drainage.

A slow release fertiliser, such as a fish blood and bone mix (available in garden centres).

METHOD:

If using potting grit, mix into the compost and add to the planter OR if using foliage, line the planter before adding the compost.

Alternatively, add the compost to your patch of soil.

Decide on the layout of your planter, it could be either:

- Back to front (tallest to shortest)
- Circular (tallest in the centre)
- 3 x 3 mini squares

Plant the largest plants first.

Then plant the bulbs at a depth of 3 or 4 times their size so the largest bulbs go in first (for example daffodils before snowdrops).

Small bulbs can be planted in soil layers above large ones.

Mark the areas of bulbs so the small bulbs are not disturbed.

Then plant the smallest perennials (at least three of each variety).

Make sure to water them during hot, dry weather.

Enjoy!

The Plant List



Snowdrop - Galanthus Nivalis



Violet - Viola Cornuta



Daffodil - Narcissus Verdin



Hyacinth - Hyacinthus Orientalis



**English Bluebell -
Hyacinthoides Non-Scripta**



**Polyanthus/Cowslip -
Primula Variabilis**