



If your garden is filled up and you feel you have no room left, or maybe you live in an apartment with no garden space, a hanging basket may be just what you need. Hanging baskets add seasonal colour and dimension to a garden, deck or entranceway. They can be filled with your favorite colour combinations or even some enticing edible delights. They really are quite easy to create and here at Oderings Garden Centres we have everything you need to get started.

Let's get started

- Choose your basket and liner. If you have an existing wire basket it is best to buy a new liner or moss to form the base and the outside. Line with polythene if you have problems with your baskets drying out, and don't forget to poke a few holes for some drainage.
- If you are wanting to plant around the sides now is the time to cut holes in your liner. Cut your holes evenly around the basket. I find cutting an 'x' makes for a nice fit around the plants and still holds in the soil nicely.
- Fill your basket with Oderings Potting & Basket Mix to just below the first layer of cuts in your liner. If you want extra moisture retention you can add Gardman WaterGel Crystals to the soil as well. Firm the soil down gently.
- Start planting the first layer of the basket. Planting from the outside in, you may need to push the liner around the base of the plant to ensure a nice fit. A handy tip is to wrap your plants in a bit of paper to get them through the holes with their roots intact, then remove the paper. Repeat until all the plants of this level are planted. On these lower layers small or cascading plants are normally used.
- Once your lowest layer of plants are placed, fill your basket to the next layer of cuts in the liner, gently press down and repeat the planting process until you have filled the basket to the top with soil.
- It is best to keep the soil around 5cm below the top of the basket; this helps with watering. For the top, choose taller plants for the middle and smaller or cascading plants for the outer edge, this will create a nice layered effect. Later you can add more plants if it's looking a bit thin.
- Water well, then you're ready to hang up your creation. Make sure you choose a location that suits your plants' needs, e.g., light levels, sun or shade, wind etc.

After care

- Your hanging basket will need to be watered daily during summer. They can dry out very easily in the heat and on windy days.
- Frequently pick out any dead or dying flowers and foliage to keep them looking their best, and remove any weeds.
- Trim back any vegetative growth that has grown too big.
- Replace any plants that may have died.
- Feed every two to three weeks with a liquid fertiliser. Yates Thrive All-Purpose works wonders.

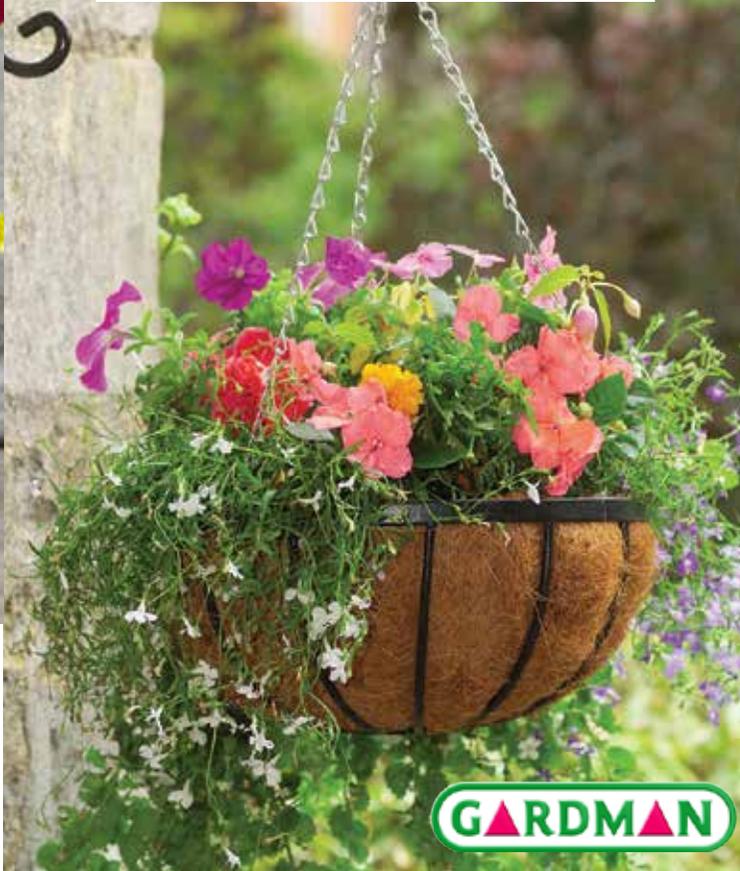
I like to rotate my hanging basket once a week to allow all sides to get adequate light and to stop some sides from stretching (trying to find the sun).

Remember the bigger the basket, the bigger the display; also larger baskets need less watering. Don't hold back; colour is easy with hanging baskets. Keep an eye out in-store for new up-and-coming varieties available for your hanging basket displays.





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You will need

- **Hanging basket** of your choice; wire baskets are ideal if you want a layered look to create a flower ball effect.
- **Preformed liner or sphagnum moss** to hold in the soil and retain moisture. Use sphagnum moss if you like a natural look.
- **Oderings Potting & Basket Mix**, which is specifically formulated with water-holding agents to retain moisture, meaning you don't have to water as often.
- **Plants**; see your local Oderings team to find out what's in season and what plants will suit your location.
- **Knife or scissors** for cutting holes in the liner.
- **Polythene**, used to help hold in even more moisture.
- **Gardman WaterGel Crystals** can be added as a bit more help with water retention.

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