



Decorating with Pumpkins

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Pumpkins aren't just for Halloween anymore! In fact, they can be displayed in many different ways. From fabulous topiaries to beautiful organic planters, pumpkins are your go-to decorations in the fall. Not sure how to incorporate these gorgeous gourds into your outdoor décor? You can bring the beautiful sights (and smells!) of the fall season to your home with these charming pumpkin arrangements.

Mailbox Makeover

Celebrate the spirit of the harvest season by dressing up your mailbox. You can create an autumn vignette by wrapping floral garland around your mailbox post. Secure the garland in place with pieces of [burlap](#) and/or orange-colored ribbon. Then, put some [straw bales](#) beside your mailbox. Pile pumpkins of varying size and shapes on, around and below the bales for a hearty harvest setup. For a bit of color contrast, try mixing in a [few ears of harvest corn](#) throughout the scene.

Pile on the Pumpkins

While some people just put a pumpkin on either side of their front door, you can easily step up your outdoor décor. How? By building an extravagant pumpkin pile! Gather a group of pumpkins (big and small, smooth and warty, dark and light) and pile them on your porch. Try layering a few on a [garden bench](#), filling up a [wheelbarrow](#) with different varieties or stacking a bunch in a decorative bird cage. If you really want your autumnal display to impress your guests, make a simple pumpkin topiary.

How to Make a Pumpkin Topiary

1. Fill an [urn planter](#) to the brim with [mulch](#) or [gravel](#). Once your chosen medium is level, cover it in moss. Then, stick a [dowel](#) in the center of the planter; this will help keep your pumpkins in place.
2. Round up three [craft pumpkins](#) (1 small, 1 medium and 1 large). Next, cut a hole at the bottom of each pumpkin with a [utility knife](#). Since the pumpkins will eventually be stacked, the small and medium pumpkins need to feature holes that are large enough to accommodate the stem of the pumpkin that'll go below it. Continue to cut a hole at the top of both the medium and large pumpkin.
3. Assemble your topiary. Begin by setting your large pumpkin on the urn planter. For a bit of color, top the pumpkin with some fall foliage. This can be anything from a [fall-themed wreath](#) to [faux berry garland](#). Remember to secure your embellishments in place with a thick ribbon of [hot glue](#).
4. Repeat the previous step with both the medium and small pumpkin. When your topiary is finally intact, you'll be rewarded with festive fall flair that'll last all season long.



Pretty Pumpkin Planters

Trade in your terra-cotta pots for pumpkins this fall. Yes, you can create a colorful focal point for your fall porch with a single pumpkin and some seasonal flowers. Here's how you can make a fun pumpkin planter that's perfect for the fall season ahead.








How to Make a Pumpkin Planter

1. Using a sharp knife, cut the top off your pumpkin. Make sure the opening is large enough to hold your potted plant.
2. Next, hollow out the pumpkin with a [specialty spoon](#). To ensure your pumpkin stays fresh, scrape down the interior walls with a [vegetable peeler](#). This will help remove stubborn innards, which will prevent your planter from rotting right away.
3. Drill four holes at the bottom of the pumpkin to provide adequate drainage for your flowers. Then, fill the base of your pumpkin with some potting soil.
4. Pot your plant in the pumpkin. For a fall-centric floral display, try chrysanthemums, pansies, snapdragons, or even summer succulents. Continue to add and pack soil around your plant's roots.
5. Follow watering and feeding directions for your particular plant. Then, brighten up your front porch stoop or an outdoor stairwell with this lovely, living centerpiece!

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