

## PORCH POT RECIPE

### Materials:

- Pot filled with any of the following: dirt; purchase either sand or potting soil; or use compost and styrofoam peanuts.
- Curly willow, dogwood, winter berry, birch branches, hydrangea stems, pampas grass, seed pods, stems with berries (real and/or artificial).
- Evergreens: Nobel fir, Fraser fir, balsam, white pine, scotch pine, cedar, juniper, spruce tips.

The materials can be used in any combination that is aesthetically pleasing to you. Remember that you need a thriller (tall item), a chiller (filler), and a spiller (something that drapes over the top edge of the pot).

1. Insert twigs into the center of the pot at least 5-6 inches into the soil.
2. Place the tallest branches ie. red twig dogwood or birch branches, toward the back of the pot. If you need to display it from all sides, then place the tallest branches in the center.
3. Stick the smaller evergreens toward the front. If you need to display it from all sides, then place the smaller evergreens around the center.
4. Add more evergreens throughout to fill in the bare spots.
5. Insert cedar or draping evergreens over the edge to soften the edges. Juniper evergreens will add a bit of color if you can get them.
6. Add some other textures to the interior of the planter such as hydrangea stems, real or artificial berry branches, pods, pampas grass, pine cones, birch branches, etc.
7. Add a bow if desired or even a small lantern or solar lights. The sky is the limit here!
8. When you are finished, water well so the evergreens freeze in place.
9. This pot can be inserted into an urn or other vessel to display by your door.
10. You can spray with "Wilt Stop" to help preserve the pot through winter.

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