

Build an Indoor Window Planter

An indoor window planter is a perfect way to liven up your counter or tabletop. Learn how to construct your own spill-proof planter, with wood and a finish that complements or matches the décor of your home.

- Step 1: Make your base out of lumber. The size should be as wide as the outside dimension of the window casing and no wider than the interior windowsill.
- Step 2: Use a finishing sander to sand all the pieces longways (with the grain).
- Step 3: Brush waterproof wood glue on all edges of the bottom and rest it on ½"-thick spacers. Clamp the two ends to the bottom and predrill ⅜" pilot holes for the fasteners. Secure the ends to the bottom with 6d galvanized nails. Glue the front and back edges of the end pieces.
- Step 4: Use masking tape on the top edge of the planter and apply Plasti-Dip spray to the interior surfaces. When the interior dries, reposition the masking tape over the top inside edge and finish the sides and top with interior paint, stain or polyurethane finish.
- Step 5: Mount the planter on shelf brackets by installing brackets with screws into solid wall framing. Glue ½" wood spacers to the bracket locations.
- Step 6: To provide drainage, put at least 1½ inches of crushed stone in the bottom of the planter and cover it with a layer of landscape fabric before you add soil and plants. Fill planter with sphagnum moss, pine bark or similar mulch.

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What you'll need:

- 1" x 8" knot-free lumber
- 1" x 6" No. 2 pine
- Finishing sander
- Waterproof wood glue
- Clamps
- Drill and ⅜" twist bit
- Hammer & 6d galvanized nails
- Masking Tape
- Plasti-Dip spray or ½-pt. can
- Paint or finish
- Shelf brackets
- ½" wood spacers
- Plants, pots, mulch, gravel, etc.