

Flower Tower



SUPPLIES

- (2) bags Organic Potting Mix (1.5 CF)
- (1) 14" or 16" plastic terracotta pot
- (1) 4' length Yard Guard wire fencing - 36" or 48" height
- (1) 55 gallon trash bag (with bottom cut off)
- Assorted plants - select plants that require full sun and cascade (grow downward). See other side for suggestions.
- Wire snips
- Needle-nose pliers
- Scissors

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Start with the yard guard wire screen and your 14" or 16" inch plastic pot. Make a cylinder out of the yard guard that fits easily into your pot. Once you find a diameter that fits well, use wire snips to cut away the excess fencing, leaving a half-inch tail of wire along one side. Use your needle-nose pliers to secure one side of the yard guard to the other, creating a cylinder.
2. Take your 55 gallon trash bag and cut the bottom off. Insert the trash bag into the center of the yard guard cylinder. Fold the trash bag over the top of the cylinder and tuck ends into the holes. (You have now created the frame of your Flower Tower.)
3. Remove tower from pot and fill the bottom of your pot with 1-2" of soil. Insert the tower into pot and check for level. Slowly add soil both inside and outside the tower to stabilize the structure within your pot. Continue until your soil line is close to the top of your pot.
4. Select a plant pattern for your tower. Starting from your soil line, choose a design that strikes your fancy. (Try three evenly spaced spirals cascading down the tower, or columns that run up and down or side to side, etc.) Keep in mind the more holes you plan to fill in the tower the more plants you will need. Map out your design by poking a hole with your finger in each spot you want to put a plant.
5. Remove each plant from plastic pot and, holding root ball gently, make a hole in the plastic liner. Insert root mass of plant into plastic liner. Keep adding soil to the inside of your tower so that the soil is level with each row of plants you are working on. (Don't pack the soil in too tightly.) Once the body of the column is done, there will be space at the top to fill. (Cascading plants are not necessary for this part.) Top off your soil line so that it is even and about 1" below the top of your tower.



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