



Plant a pot outside

A step by step guide

The Pot Place shows you how to prepare the perfect pot – it is easier than you think!

Step 1: Use a metal stand that lifts the pot and allows the plant to breathe.

The stand makes any pot look stunning, is really easy to keep clean and will not leave any marks on the tiles.

Step 2: Make holes in the bottom of pot.

Step 3: Add crushed stone. It provides excellent drainage for the plant, ensuring that its roots will never be drowned in stagnant water.

Step 4: Add the filter fabric, which only allows water through. Using a layer on top of the stone prevents the river sand and potting soil from blocking the holes at the bottom of the pot.

Step 5: Add river sand. This layer assists in drainage and also keeps some moisture close to the roots.

Step 6: Add another layer of the filter fabric.

Step 7: Add a good quality, bark-based potting soil. Never use compost in a pot, as it can burn the roots. Clay soil from the garden will retain too much water, and cause plants to drown.

Step 8: Add a third layer of filter fabric. This will prevent your expensive stones from disappearing into the potting soil over time. The stones will also not get dirty too easily!

Step 9: Add decorative stones of your choice. This together, with the weed cloth, acts as a protective mulch. There are so many options available on the

market, like pieces of glass, terracotta, gemstones or bark chips. These stones complete the look by creating contrast.

This is only a guideline. There are certain plants that need special soil, like azaleas that need peat in the soil. Some plants like to have wet roots (bog plants) while others do not like water close to them (quiver tree).

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