

Vertical Gardening Made Easy

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Left: Vertical gardens help to maximise the amount of space in a high-rise apartment for gardening. They can also help to decorate a plain, boring wall.

Shown here is a vertical garden made by the author where plants are grown in decorative pots that are fixed onto a frame made from laundry poles.

Trying to find more space in your apartment to grow your plants? Want to decorate a plain and boring wall but don't know how?

A vertical or wall garden is perhaps an answer to the above questions. A gardener who is keen to set up a vertical garden are spoilt for choice. There are various landscape companies that offer vertical garden construction services, as well as, ready-to-use modules that one can buy off the shelves from nurseries.

However, vertical gardens need not be expensive or complicated to set up. Here's a simple vertical garden that you can construct from very affordable materials. Let your creative juices flow and feel free to modify the design to suit your taste and needs!

Below are two versions of a vertical garden that you can construct for use to grow plants on a wall of your balcony that receives filtered or direct sunshine.

What you need



- A window grille or a mesh-like framework
- Fancy pots or containers
- Expanded clay pellets (LECA)
- Cable ties
- A selection of small plants

Step-by-Step Guide

Step 1:

Identify a desirable spot on the window grille or framework where you want to display your plant. Secure the container onto the grille or framework by using cable ties. You may want to drill a hole in the container for drainage.



Step 2:

Put your potted plant into the container. You may want to use expanded clay pellets as an artificial mulch to mask the soil surface.



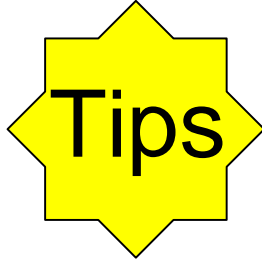
Step 3:

If there is sufficient space, consider putting up a few more potted plants. Let your creativity guide you on how to arrange them in a visually appealing way!



The Finished Product

On the left is another version of the author's vertical garden that was replicated on a mirror that mounted on a bamboo mesh-like frame in HortPark's Lifestyle Corner.



- Consider using plants with colourful and differently-shaped leaves.
- Plants with a trailing growth habit should also be included for growing in a vertical garden.
- Remember to choose the right plants for the right type of

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