

Winter Container Decorating

Summer's over, Fall is past and now what do you do with your pots? Pack them away? We would like to suggest you consider creating a winter container. Imagine using a combination of spruce tops, evergreen boughs, colorful berries, and stems that will brighten up your front porch all winter long. Not only are they beautiful, but easy, and require no maintenance!

What is a spruce top, you ask? A spruce top is the "top" of a black spruce tree cut from swamps in northern Minnesota. Abundant to the point of being considered a weed, these trees quickly regenerate and can be harvested more than once. We use them in pots, planter boxes and flower beds to add color all winter. Spruce tops will retain their needles until April; yes that's right APRIL! Simply stick the stems into the soil, water well, and let them freeze into place.

We like to add other touches as well. Red twig dogwood stems, curly willow stems, pine cones, colorful winterberries, Norway and white pine tips, and incense cedar, just to name a few. All of these components are disposed of in April when you plant your spring flowers.

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Spruce tops White pine tips Norway pine tips Silver fir tips Red twig dogwood stems Blueberry Juniper

Winterberries Blue Berried Cedar Wax leaf sumac Curly willow stems Pine cones Oregonia Douglas fir Talloberry Port Orford Cedar Incense cedar tips Noble Fir tips Artificial stems Large selection of Bird House Sticks

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