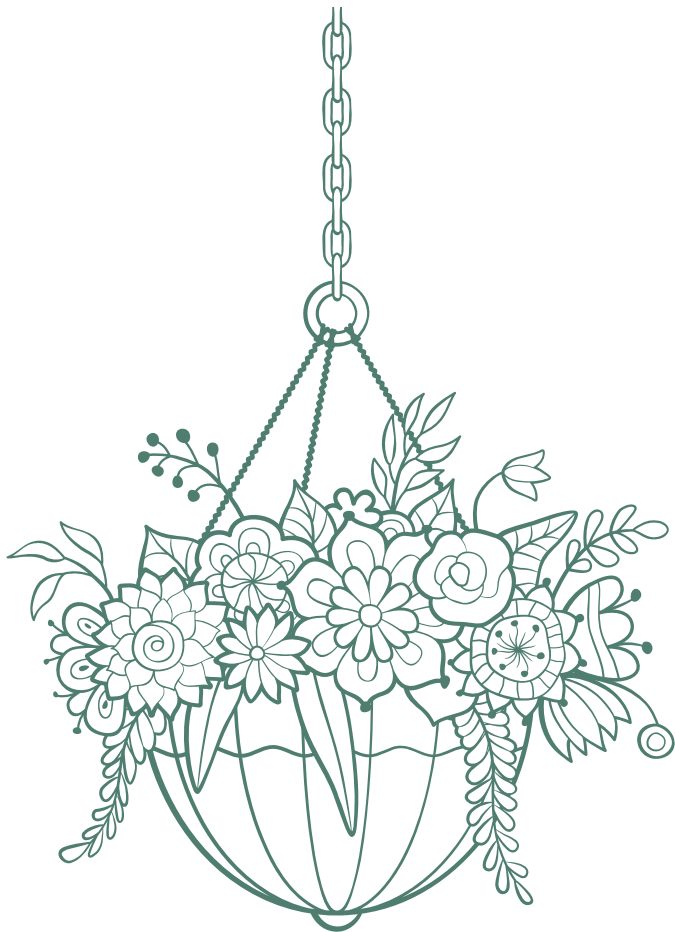


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HANGING BASKET SUCCESS

Hanging baskets are just the right thing to add to your porch for instant pizzazz! If properly cared for, they can offer months of color and enjoyment.



Fertilize

Apply a **slow-release fertilizer** like *G&B Organics Bud & Bloom* OR *Osmocote Plant Food*, **plus a liquid bloom booster** like *Scott's Super Bloom* consistently through the growing season to keep baskets thriving (see labels for details).

Protect

Protect against pests such as bud worms and caterpillars with *Captain Jack's Deadbug Brew*. Keep an eye out for other pests like aphids—if present, use *insecticidal soap* or *neem oil*.

Water

A consistent watering schedule is key to healthy baskets. Water needs will increase as your plants grow and the weather warms up. By mid-summer, most baskets will require daily watering.

Pay attention to the amount of sun your basket receives in its designated area—full sun combos need at least 6 hours; partial sun combos need 4–6 hours; shade combos need less than 4 hours.

Most hanging baskets require deadheading to continue blooming and look their best—remove spent blooms weekly. Some varieties do not need deadheading, as they are “self-cleaning!”

Size matters—the larger the basket, the easier it is to keep watered. The **type of container** also makes a difference. Plastic pots hold water best, while wire frames with liners tend to dry out more quickly.