



Adding Color to Your Life

DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING MOSS BASKETS

Dampen the moss. Starting at the bottom of the basket with the green side facing out, piece large sections of moss edge to edge so there are no large holes. Smaller holes can be filled with scrap pieces of moss or if they are no bigger than $\frac{3}{4}$ ", they can be used for plants. Next, put on the wire hanger. Bend all the strands of wire up one at a time to assure that when your basket is done, it will hang evenly. Be sure and fasten the hanger strands to the vertical wires on the basket. This will keep them from "traveling" around the basket and keep the basket level.

Hang your basket in a convenient spot and you're ready to plant. Plants on the outside of the basket will tend to grow upward, so poke holes in a random pattern around the lower $\frac{2}{3}$ of the basket and insert small plants, roots to the inside of the basket. They will look quite small at this point, but be sure to allow for the mature size of the plant when spacing.

Fill in your basket with good quality potting soil and place top plants in last. These can be larger than the "side plants" if you wish.

PLANTING CARE AND TIPS

When choosing plants for your moss baskets, try to pick things that will be good "room-mates." Choose plants that will all thrive in your location (sunny, shady, etc.). Moss baskets are very porous and dry quickly. When weather gets very warm, you may find that your basket needs water every day, sometimes twice a day. If your location is very sunny, you may want to add water holding polymer crystals (such as "Soil Moist") to the potting soil when filling the basket. Time-release fertilizer is the simple way to keep your moss basket plants fed and looking their best.

HAVE FUN AND ENJOY YOUR CREATION!