

Holiday Drop-Ins



Standing outside filling your outdoor planters with decorative greens can often result in frozen fingers! A “drop-in” can be arranged indoors then placed in your outdoor pots. Whether you choose fresh greens or lifelike artificial greens, the combination with berries and branches will add colour all winter long. Here are 4 simple steps to creating your own holiday drop-in:

1. Start with a lightweight container filled with sand or floral foam. Place tall twigs such as birch, dogwood or glittered branches into the center of the pot.

Step 1



2. Use sharp pruners to trim greens to desired height. Fill in around twigs with a mix of greens. Pine, fir and spruce are used best near the twigs, while cedar will drape gracefully over the edges of the container.

Step 2



3. Time to personalize your design. Select a natural blend of pinecones for a rustic look, silver baubles for a glitzy look or tartan ribbon and berries for a traditional look. We offer a superb selection of weatherproof accents that withstand cold winter temperatures. For a finishing touch, tamp fresh sphagnum moss on top of the soil/sand, under the cedar boughs. This natural green moss will hide the sand or soil, as well as any bare spots.

Step 3



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4. Water your fresh greens drop-in. To ensure the arrangement stays it's freshest, apply Wilt Pruf spray to lock in moisture and prevent greens from drying out. Your drop-in arrangement can now be displayed outdoors on its own or "dropped" into a decorative pot.

After the holidays, remove your festive berry sprays. The remaining twigs and greens will add a natural touch to the outside entrance of your home in January and February.

Short on time? Our completed drop-ins are available for purchase in our **Fresh Greens** department.

To view photos of drop-in designs you can easily replicate, view our **Fresh Greens Idea Book** at greenlandgarden.com.



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