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Outdoor pots and containers can look just as stunning through the winter months. When our gardens are dormant and asleep for the winter season, it's easy to add some life and decor to our porch, patio and other landscape areas.

First: Remove any spent / expired annuals from your container. Try to remove as much of their roots as possible, too. Once removed, you'll want to top with a little fresh soil if you've lost some while tidying up. If you'll be using a container that has some plants in it that are expected to return in the spring, be cautious to work around their rootball to avoid damaging them. If you're using a new container, be sure it has a drainage hole and fill with soil.

Select your ingredients:

Start with greens - Focus on volume and texture:



Insert branches into soil, cutting to size as needed. Create an overall frame for your remaining elements:

Next: Add your accents - These can incorporate a color story and coordinate or contrast as desired.



The finishing touch: Add some focus - Incorporating some denser pieces can help anchor all of the beautiful elements you've blended thus far.

