

Plants for Moss Hanging Baskets

Upright for shade

New Guinea Impatiens
Fuchsia
Spike
Double Impatiens
Coleus
Non-Stop Begonia

Upright for sun

Geranium
Sun Coleus
Strobilanthus
Argyranthemum (Daisy)
Otacanthus
Bracteanthe
(Gold Beauty Helichrysum)

Filler for sun

Angelonia
Terra Cotta Millionbells
Lantana
Plumbago
Evolvulus
Icicles Helichrysum
Nemesia
Symphony Osteospermum
Sprenger Fern

Trailing/vining for shade

Ivy
Vinca Vine
Sweet Potatoe Vine
Lobelia
Fuchsia

Trailing/vining for sun

Supertunia
Millionbells (Blue & Trailing Pink)
Brachycome
Tukana Trailing Verbena
Temari Trailing Verbena
Tapien Trailing Verbena
Goldilocks Lysmachia
Plectranthus
Seabreeze Helichrysum
Bacopa
Penny Candy Bacopa
Lavender Lantana

Inexpensive fillers

Seed Lobelia
Begonia
Seed Coleus
Fantasy Petunia
Celebrity Petunia
Browallia
Dwarf Dahlia
Impatiens
Nierembergia
Strata Salvia
Vinca
Gypsy Gypsophelia

Filler for shade

Streptocarpella
Browallia
Sprenger Fern
Begonia

Caring for your Moss Hanging Basket

Good maintenance can not only prolong the life of your basket but can also help the plants remain healthy. Remember to wear gloves when handling mosses, plants and soils.

Watering

Watering is extremely important. Your basket may dry out quickly, even daily, during the hottest weather. Your plants will not do well unless the soil and moss remain moist. Keep the moss moist by watering the sides of the basket. It may be best to use a garden hose by spraying a fine mist around all sides to dampen the moss and the soil.

Fertilizing

Bi-weekly applications of liquid fertilizer help to maintain vigorous, floriferous hanging baskets. Fertilize weekly with liquid fertilizers such as Miracle-Gro or a granular slow-release fertilizer such as Osmocote. These granular slow-release fertilizers last about six months.

Trimming

Trim wilting leaves and dying flowers every two or three weeks. Some plants, such as verbena or lantana require little or no trimming. Begonias and impatiens are usually trimmed to form "balls of color".

Pest Problems

The most common pests in hanging baskets are spider mites and mealy bugs. Use commercial pesticides that fit the plant variety and basket location.

End of the Season

When you notice the flowers in your basket deteriorating, it may be time to replant. Should you choose to save the basket for the next year, you can re-use the wire form, however it is suggested that you remake the basket with new moss and potting soil

How to Plant a Moss Hanging Basket



There are a couple different liners that can be used for planting a moss lined basket. There are preformed liners and loose sphagnum moss. For this demonstration loose moss will be used. First, moisten some moss and press it into the bottom of the basket.

Add enough soil to just about cover the moss.



Add a layer of plants, fitting the rootball of each plant carefully through the wire of the basket.



After a ring of plants is in place, add another layer of moss to the edge of the basket and add more soil.



Add another layer of plants, alternating the spacing between the first layer of plants.



Once you have a few alternating rings of plants, fill the remaining space in the basket with soil.



Plant some annuals in the top of the basket and add a little slow release fertilizer such as Osmocote®. Water the basket thoroughly and it's finished. Moss lined baskets have a tendency to dry out quickly, so be sure to water frequently.

✿ At Graf Growers, we prefer to line the entire basket with moss and then line it with a sheet of plastic to help the finished basket retain moisture. Be sure to poke a few drainage holes in the bottom and then fill with potting soil. Pro-Mix Hanging Basket & Planter Mix is an excellent choice as it contains water-absorbent polymer crystals to provide additional water for the plants.

If you wish to plant around the sides of the plastic lined basket, simply cut a hole through the plastic and insert the roots through the moss and the plastic, filling with potting soil last.

What you need:

- Wire hanging basket form
- Sphagnum moss
- Assorted 2" & 4" potted plants
- Potting soil
- Plastic Liner

See other side for a list of popular plants for moss hanging baskets and care of your basket!