

# Jane's Gardening Corner



## Plants for Winter Displays

Brighten up your home and garden in winter by planting up some colourful displays of plants. For outdoor containers use large pots, as the compost in small pots will freeze in winter. It's a good idea to line the pot with bubble wrap, newspaper, cardboard or an old jumper to provide protection against the cold. Make sure that the compost drains well. Put a layer of crocks, stones or broken polystyrene in the bottom of the pot. Place the pot on gravel or raise the pot up on pot feet, and the water will drain out more easily. Then fill the pot with good quality potting compost and start planting.

### For outdoor displays of seasonal colour choose:

#### For containers

Winter pansies  
Wintergreen (Gaultheria)  
Hardy Cyclamen Leucothoe  
Ornamental cabbage or kale Skimmia  
Primulas  
Viburnum tinus Small conifers

#### For indoor displays in winter choose

Poinsettia Indoor Azalea  
Indoor Cyclamen Bromelia  
African violets (Saintpaulia)  
Winter cherry (Solanumpseudocapsicum)  
Christmas cactus (Schlumbergera)  
Flamingo flower (Anthurium)  
Orchids Ivy Ferns

#### For beds and borders

Spotted laurel (Aucuba) Holly Jasminum nudiflorum Pernettya Viburnum tinus  
Callicarpa Hellebore Hebe Euonymu Wintergreen (Gaultheria)  
Primulas Leucothoe Heathers Skimmia Conifers  
Winterberry (Ilex verticillata) Ivy Bugle (Ajuga) Osmanthus  
Evergreen grasses Pyracantha Witch hazel (Hamamelis)  
Dogwood (Cornus) Mahonia

*Best wishes for Christmas*

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