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How to plant a plant in your Bucket Garden.

In this video, you will see how to plant three different types of plants:

1. A one-Gallon plant
2. A small-pot plant
3. A tomato plant

**Tools:**

1. A knee Pad
2. A one-gallon bucket
3. Garden gloves

**Material:**

1. Bucket with screen and Rim Protector (There are videos on how to set up a bucket and make a rim Protector on web site [MyBucketGarden.com/videos](http://MyBucketGarden.com/videos))
2. Leaves or grass clippings
3. Bucket Garden soil
4. Plants

**Directions:**

This information is for all planting:

- a. Prepare enough soil (There is a video on how to make Bucket Garden soil on web site [MyBucketGarden.com/videos](http://MyBucketGarden.com/videos))
- b. Have some mulch – dry leaves or grass clippings (There is a video on where to find mulch in the city on web site [MyBucketGarden.com/videos](http://MyBucketGarden.com/videos))
- c. Prepare a bucket and screen (There is a video on how to make a Bucket Garden bucket on web site [MyBucketGarden.com/videos](http://MyBucketGarden.com/videos))
- d. Prepare a Rim Protector (There is a video on how to make a Rim Protector on web site [MyBucketGarden.com/videos](http://MyBucketGarden.com/videos))

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1. Planting a gallon size Potted Plant

- a. Make sure the screen covers the holes in the bottom of the bucket.
- b. Place a couple of handfuls of leaves on top of the screen to keep the soil from flowing out.
- c. Fill the bucket up to the bottom of the plant's pot. This will be about ½ full. Press down the soil each time you add soil.
  - i. Place the pot with the plant still in it into the bucket to measure the depth. Add or subtract soil as needed. This should bring the soil in the pot to about 3 inches below the top of the bucket.
- d. Remove the plant from the pot and place it in the center of the bucket. Make sure that the soil with the plant is about 3 inches below the top of the bucket.
- e. Once the plant's soil is 3 inches below the top of the bucket, add soil around the plant and press the soil down.
- f. Place the Rim Protector on.
- g. Add mulch – Dry leaves or grass clippings.
- h. Replace the plant's info tag in the front of the bucket.
- i. Place on your Bucket Garden.

2. Planting a small size Potted Plant

- a. Make sure the screen covers the holes in the bottom of the bucket.
- b. Place a couple of handfuls of leaves on top of the screen to keep the soil from flowing out.
- c. Fill the bucket up to about 3 inches below the top of the bucket. Press down after adding some soil.
- d. In the center of the bucket, dig out enough soil so the top of the soil from the potted plant is level with the bucket soil.
- e. Remove the plant from the pot and place it in the center of the bucket.
- f. Press the soil down and add soil if needed to level the soil.
- g. Place the Rim Protector on.
- h. Add mulch – Dry leaves or grass clippings.
- i. Replace the plant's info tag in the front of the bucket.
- j. Place on your Bucket Garden.

3. Planting a Tomato Potted Plant

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- a. Buy a tomato that is for a container; they are easier to grow in your bucket.
- b. Make sure the screen covers the holes in the bottom of the bucket.
- c. Place a couple of handfuls of leaves on top of the screen to keep the soil from flowing out.
- d. Add about 5 inches to the bucket. Press down after adding some soil.
- e. Remove the plant from the pot and place it in the center of the bucket.
- f. Pick off the bottom leaves, make sure to leave some of the top leaves.
- g. Add soil around the plant and press the soil down.
- h. Press the soil down and add soil if needed to level the soil.
- i. Place the Rim Protector on.
- j. Add mulch – Dry leaves or grass clippings.
- k. Replace the plant's info tag next to it so you don't lose it.
- l. Place on your Bucket Garden.
- m. As the tomato plant grows about 4 inches, pick off the bottom leaves, remove the mulch and add soil.
- n. Replace the plant's info tag next to it so you don't lose it.
- o. As the tomato plant grows about 4 inches, pick off the bottom leaves, remove the mulch and add soil. Do this until the soil is approximately 3 inches below the top of the bucket.
- p. Replace the plant's info tag in the front of the bucket.

Enjoy your Bucket Garden.

4. Adding side things (onion or garlic are a couple of great options.)
  - a. After you have planted your plant and before you add the mulch, you will add your side things.
  - b. Add 3 or 4 side things to the proper depth.
  - c. Add your mulch and replace the plant's info tag in the front of the bucket. The mulch will cover the side things. Don't worry; if your mulch is loose, your side things will grow through the mulch. Leaves are looser than grass clippings. It is best to use grass clippings after the side things have come up.