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GARDEN DESIGN DIRT

Leigh-on-Sea-based **Katrina Kieffer-Wells** of Earth Designs shares her garden expertise



main: Using lots of geraniums in pots to brighten up dark corners and keep the scheme fresh in the summer; **top right:** The great thing about pots and planters is their portability; **right:** Plant pots are a quick and easy way to work texture and colour into your garden

Get potted!

Whatever style or size of your garden, pots can play a big part. They help to add height and structure and can be used to define sections or screen off unsightly areas. There are a multitude of different shapes, colours and textures on the market, so how do you choose the perfect pot?

SUPERSIZE IT!

Even in a small space, scaling up your pot size can create a dynamic vibe.

I would be inclined to use one enormous planter as a stunning focal point rather than lots of little ones.

Place several large planters in a row along the edges of a pathway or patio to frame the space. Repetition of the same pot will also

have a much stronger visual impact than an eclectic mixture.

TECHNICOLOUR DREAMPOT

Plant pots are a quick and easy way to work texture and colour into your garden. Glazed pots will bounce light around the space. Fibreglass pots and planters come in a vast array of shapes and styles and can be produced in virtually any colour or finish, making them the ideal choice to brighten up a garden throughout the year. Metal pots and planters, such as stainless or Corten steel, will add a modern look, whereas timber will give a space a softer, more rustic feel.

MIX IT UP

The great thing about pots and planters is

their portability. You can take them with you when you move house, or move them to different areas of your garden to mix up the layout. If you want to give your garden a lift, a few well-placed new pots can really help.

Even painting or cladding your existing pots and planters will give them a new lease of life.

Pots and planters make it simple to vary the planting in a particular area. They can also be used to make deciduous plants more appealing during the winter months. ●

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