

THINK OUTSIDE THE SQUARE

Have a ball with egg planters.
Now you're on a roll!



Flip the ordinary on its head and you can have something extraordinary in your garden – or on your deck or balcony – instead.

These standard orb-shaped planters have been turned upside down and a new opening easily created at the other end.

Once planted out, it gives the impression of a cracked egg with a variety of arrangements tumbling down the sides instead of the broken yolk. The result is so much prettier!

While they look stunning in isolation, the effect is much more dramatic when you clump together two or three pots of different sizes.



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EASY STEPS TO MAKING EGG PLANTERS

When you crack an egg, it can't be fixed. But crack this idea and your garden, balcony or deck is set



STEP 1



STEP 3



STEP 6



STEP 2



STEP 4



STEP 7

Gather your supplies

- Orb-shaped composite (fibreglass cement) pot
- Plastic circular planter tray (to fit into the top of the pot)
 - Gravel or pebbles
 - Sphagnum moss or coir chunks
- Premium potting mix with slow-release fertiliser
- Plants, such as small succulents, edibles or small flowering plants

You'll also need

Permanent marker; drill; masonry and timber bits; jigsaw; multi-pack of standard wood jigsaw blades; face mask; 80-grit sandpaper; painter's tape; epoxy putty

For you to note

Using wood blades for your jigsaw is cheaper than using ceramic diamond-encrusted blades.

Here's how

STEP 1 Flip pot upside down on a level workbench and, with the marker, draw an outline of the cracked egg shape.



STEP 5



STEP 8

STEP 2 Drill starter holes within the marked area at every tight corner with a masonry bit.

STEP 3 Use jigsaw to cut along marked outline. Check wood blades regularly and use a fresh one when necessary.

STEP 4 Lift cut section off planter. Correct any errors you may have made while cutting.

STEP 5 Smooth all edges and remove leftover marker with sandpaper.

STEP 6 Drill holes in plastic planter tray for extra drainage.

STEP 7 Attach planter tray to pot's original opening with painter's tape.

STEP 8 Adhere planter tray to pot from the inside with epoxy putty.



STEP 10

STEP 9 Fill with growing media mix (see box, next page).

STEP 10 Put in plants and backfill with potting mix.

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Once you have created your 'garden egg', plant it up with a selection of succulents, edible or flowering plants



GROWING MEDIA

If you fill this planter just with potting mix, it will hold too much moisture and the roots may rot, so make your own growing media.

- Start with a layer of gravel or pebbles so any excess water can drain away.
- Press a layer of sphagnum moss onto the gravel.

Or you can use coir chunks that have been soaked, then the water squeezed out so they are now damp, not soaking.

• Round out these layers to ensure the plants get laid at an equal depth from the edges given the planter's new outline.

- Finish with premium potting mix with added slow-release fertiliser. ■

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Tuscan Path fibreglass pots various sizes, from \$13.80. REKO round black plastic saucer various sizes, from \$4.80. Ki-Karma 20kg 10-20mm drainage gravel, \$7.98. Brunnings 150g sphagnum moss block, \$10.48. Osmocote Plus Organics 25L premium potting and planting mix with controlled-release fertiliser, \$11.87.

