



door appearance. They'll provide a nice frame for your flower boxes, as well!

So far so good. Once they are mounted, you might feel a creative urge to further beautify your window boxes by embellishing them with Pennsylvania Dutch type designs, or by simply trimming them with decals that carry out a particular theme.

Now look to the interiors of your window boxes, which is really what it's all about.

THE WORD TO REMEMBER is "plentiful." To be effective, your boxes should have a bursting, full to the brim look with the effect of bright, flourishing bouquets at each of your windows. If you're going to have sparsely filled boxes with straggly plants peeping over the edges, forget it. You'll be doing more harm than good.

Brightly colored geraniums interspersed with trailing vinca vines are the sentimental favorites for window box gardeners. They grow well in sunny spots and are a happy choice for those who wish to stay in an old-fashioned, traditional framework.

Other flowers will work just as well, depending on the effect you wish to create. Consider pansies,

nasturtiums, fuchsia, marigolds, zinnias, lantanas and daisies. Begonias and impatiens will add charm to a shady spot.

Don't be afraid of using fairly tall flowers; they will not obscure your view in any major way, and besides, what could possibly be wrong with seeing the world outside your house amidst the latticed gaiety of brightly colored blossoms?

CREATE AN OVERALL theme by using the same types of flowers that you have planted at ground level for window boxes at first and second story heights. Find a color scheme, whether it's a dramatic one of red and white petunias or a subtle one, using shades of pinks, lavenders and purples, and carry it throughout your window box decor.

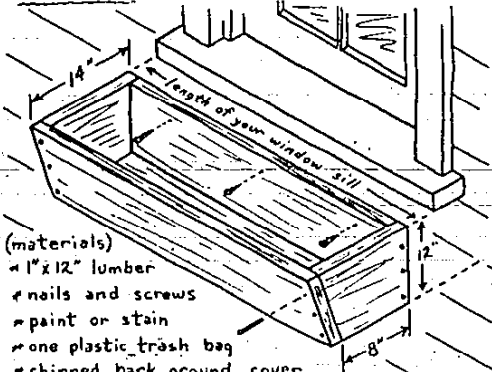
Balcony tops and railing edges are also good spots for gardens in a box. For extra window treatment, consider mounting a variety of flowerpots to your shutters in a Continental style.

Once finished you'll be able to step back and enjoy for many months the charm of your window gardens. Clothes don't make the man, they say, but it might be said that flower boxes can make the house!

Afternoon projects:

Yard n garden things you can make and enjoy the same day!

THIS WEEK: A WINDOW PLANTER



- (materials)
- 1" x 12" lumber
 - nails and screws
 - paint or stain
 - one plastic trash bag
 - chipped bark ground cover

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