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Flowers and plants don't have to grow on the ground. For a bright accent, try growing plants in a hanging basket.

Baskets can be hung from the eaves of the house, on a porch post, or from the branches of a tree. They can be hung against the garage or house wall or on a fence. For a really unusual decorative garden screen, a sturdy frame can be constructed with baskets hung in the openings.

one third perlite and one third garden soil for a good mixture.

The plants should be fed once a week with a dilute solution of a water soluble fertilizer.

The baskets will need to be watered every day -- or perhaps twice a day if they are in a sunny or breezy spot.

Keep faded flowers and straggly stems removed and your hanging baskets will be beautiful all summer.

In shady spots choose asparagus fern, ivy or house plants such as spider plant, philodendron, or grape ivy.

In partially shaded areas try coleus, begonias, sedum, or fuchsias.

In sunny spots use colorful annuals. Petunias are perfect. Any others that trail over the edge of the basket are also suitable. These include nasturtiums, lantana and ivy geraniums. Marigolds and sweet alyssum are also suitable.

Plastic or clay flower pots can be hung up using coat hangers or heavy twine. Wire or plastic or wicker baskets are lighter in weight. These should be lined with sheet moss or burlap so the soil does not sift out.

The pots or baskets should be filled with a light, porous, rich soil mixture. Use one third peat moss.

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