



This quick-to-knit project is a great way to make room for more plants inside or outside.

I suggest that you place a cache pot inside the felted vessels, so the wool doesn't get wet when you water your plants. Be sure to felt the pieces well so they are sturdy enough to hold the plants securely.

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Felted Plant Hanger

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Tools

- Size 10½, double pointed or circular needles, or size needle to achieve gauge
- Yarn needle
- Size G crochet hook
- Scissors
- Disposable razor
- Three balloons

Materials

- Lambs Pride Worsted (85% wool, 15% mohair; 190 yards [174 meters]/ 113 grams): color #M-07 Sable, 1 skein
- Lambs Pride Worsted (85% wool, 15% mohair; 190 yards [174 meters]/ 113 grams): color #M197 Red Hot Passion, 1 skein
- 3½"-4" plant cache pots, be sure they have no holes in them
- Plants in 3" pots, I used ivy

Finished Size

Each pot is about 5" tall and 6" wide

Gauge

3½ stitches and 5 rows/ 1" using 10½ needles and worsted weight yarn

Abbreviations

KFB: Make one by knitting into the front and back of a stitch

K2tog: Decrease by knitting two stitches together

YO: yarn over

Pattern, make 3

Cast on 36 stitches, join in the round

Rounds 1-2. Knit

Round 3. Knit 5, KFB around [42 sts]

Round 4. Knit 9, k2tog, YO, knit 19, k2tog, YO, Knit 10.

Round 5. Knit 6, KFB around [48 sts]

Round 6. Knit

Round 7. Knit 7, KFB around [54 sts]

Rounds 8-25. Knit 18 rows

Round 26. Knit 7, K2tog around [48 sts]

Round 27. Knit 6 K2tog around [42 sts]

Round 28. Knit 5, K2tog around [36 sts]

Round 29. Knit 4, K2tog around [30 sts]

Round 30. Knit 3, K2tog around [24 sts]

Round 31. Knit 2, K2tog around [18 sts]

Round 32. Knit 1, K2tog around [12 sts]

Round 33. K2tog around [6 sts]

Pull yarn through stitches. Weave in securely.

For the hanging cords, use the crochet hook and a single strand of red yarn to chain stitch three pieces that are 3, 4, and 5 feet in length. Double them over evenly and knot for the hanging loop. Hand felt with the vessels, stopping occasionally to tug them to even them out and make sure they aren't felting together.

To felt, add a squirt of dish soap to a dishpan and fill it with really hot water. Put the pieces in the water and let them soak a bit. Now roll and squeeze them in your hands, swish them around and knead them like bread dough. At first the piece grows but soon the stitches start coming together and shrinking. Continue felting until the stitches disappear, and then keep going! Felting the pieces completely is necessary for them to be sturdy, so don't stop prematurely. You really need to felt until the pieces are super-solid and feel noticeably thicker. Rinse in cold water, then roll in a towel to remove excess water.

To shape each piece, blow up a balloon while it's inside the vessel until the balloon fills out the shape fully. Tie the balloon and let dry thoroughly. Shave the fuzz from the ball with a disposable razor. Pop and remove the balloon.

Hang up the hanging cords and using the eyelets for placement, tie on the vessels. Be sure to make them level and even. Place your plants in the vessels and arrange the foliage. Enjoy!