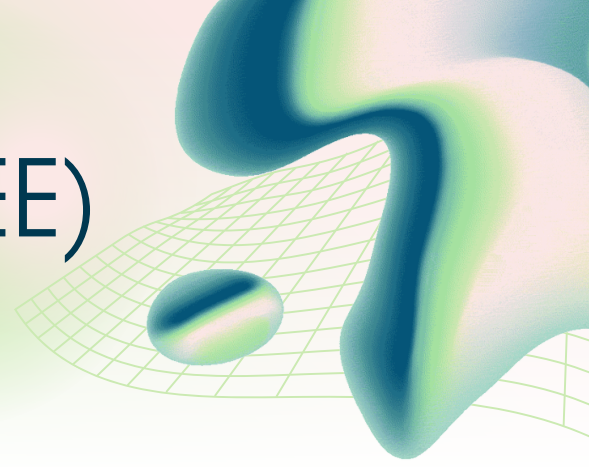




STARTER PACK (FREE)

Beginner checklist + simple container setup



Beginner Checklist

Before you start your balcony garden, make sure you have these essentials:

- **Sunlight:** Check how many hours of direct sunlight your balcony receives.
- **Space:** Measure your balcony to plan your container layout.
- **Water Source:** Ensure easy access to water for regular watering.
- **Containers:** Choose lightweight and weather-resistant containers.
- **Potting Mix:** Use a well-draining potting mix specifically for containers.
- **Tools:** Gather basic gardening tools like a trowel and watering can.

Simple Balcony Container Setup

- **Step 1:** Drainage
- **Step 2:** Soil
- **Step 3:** Planting
- **Step 4:** Watering
- **Step 5:** Maintenance

Step 1: Drainage

Place a layer of gravel or broken pottery at the bottom of your container to ensure good drainage.

Step 2: Soil

Fill the container with a high-quality potting mix, leaving a few inches of space at the top.

Step 3: Planting

Gently remove your chosen plants from their nursery pots and place them in the container. Ensure the roots are not constricted.

Step 4: Watering

Water thoroughly after planting until water drains from the bottom of the container.

Step 5: Maintenance

Water regularly, fertilize as needed, and prune any dead or yellowing leaves.

Recommended Beginner Plants

- **Herbs:** Mint, Basil, Chives
- **Vegetables:** Cherry Tomatoes, Lettuce, Spinach
- **Flowers:** Petunias, Marigolds, Pansies

These plants are relatively low-maintenance and well-suited for container gardening. They thrive in various light conditions and are easy to grow from seed or starter plants.

Practical Tips

- **Watering:** Water deeply but infrequently. Check the soil moisture before watering.
- **Fertilizing:** Use a balanced liquid fertilizer every 2-4 weeks.
- **Pest Control:** Inspect plants regularly for pests and treat as needed with organic solutions.
- **Sun Protection:** Provide shade during the hottest part of the day for sensitive plants.
- **Deadheading:** Remove spent flowers to encourage more blooms.

Remember to choose plants that are appropriate for your local climate and balcony's sun exposure.
Happy Gardening!