



Fence Planter

This project transforms a plain fence into a fabulous decorative element. It's quick to make, and, with the addition of some charming (albeit pre-made and readily available) ornamental gingerbread, it will certainly perk up an uninteresting space in your yard.



Materials and Supplies

- 10 linear feet of 1 x 6 pine
- 2 pre-made wooden gingerbread ornaments, approximately 6 x 8 inches each

Hardware

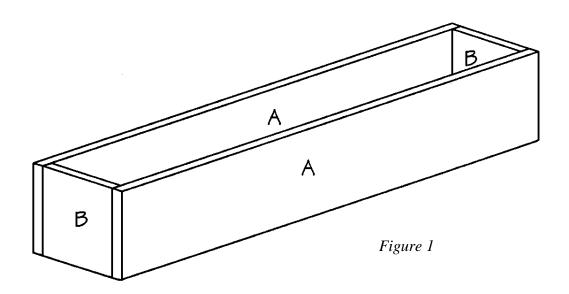
- 50, 1-5/8" wood screws
- 20 1" (2d) finish nails
- 3, 3-1/2" wood screws

Cutting List

Code	Description	Qty.	Materials	Dimension
А	Front/Back	2	1хб	36" long
В	Side	2	1 x 6	5-1/2" long
С	Bottom	1	1 x 6	34-1/2" long

Making the Planter Box

- 1. Cut two Front/Backs (A) from 1 x 6 pine, each measuring 36 inches.
- 2. Cut two Sides (B) from 1 x 6 pine, each measuring 5-1/2 inches.
- 3. Position the two Front/Backs (A) on a level surface, parallel to each other and 5-1/2 inches apart. Fit the two Sides (B) between the two Front/Backs (A) to form a rectangle measuring 36 x 7 inches, as shown in *Figure 1*. Apply glue to the meeting surfaces, and screw through the Front/Backs (A) into the Sides (B) using three evenly spaced 1-5/8" wood screws on each joint.
- 4. Cut one Bottom (C) from 1 x 6 pine measuring 34-1/2 inches.
- 5. Insert the Bottom (C) inside the assembled rectangle, flush with the bottom edges of the Front/Backs (A) and Sides (B). Screw through the Front/Backs (A) and Sides (B) using 1-5/8" wood screws about every two inches.





Finishing

- 1. Sand the assembled fence planter thoroughly. An optional step is to drill several drainage holes through the bottom of the planter to allow the plants to drain properly.
- 2. Paint or stain the planter and gingerbread ornament the colors of your choice--or leave the planter its natural color. (If you decide to paint or stain the planter and ornaments the same color, you may do so after the project is completely assembled.)
- 3. Attach the gingerbread ornament to the front corners of the planter using several 1-inch finishing nails.
- 4. Attach the planter to the fence. It is a good idea to use 3-1/2" wood screws and attach the planter to the fence and to a fencepost behind it. (When the planter is full of dirt and flowers it may be too heavy for some fences.)



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