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The 10 Most Amazing Planters

Truth in Decorating: Designers Nathan Turner and Celerie Kemble unearth garden containers that are sure to stand out in any space

A planter pulls the verdant pleasures of a garden into any setting, indoors or out, supplying a touch of color and flair. "They're great accessories because they can bring height and depth to an area or fill in an awkward spot," notes Nathan Turner, who designs a signature collection for Elite Leather and is the owner of an eponymous Los Angeles home-furnishings shop. A pretty pot, he says, creates a striking focal point, while a more subtle style draws attention to what it holds.

When selecting a garden container, consider your climate. Though classically beautiful, terra-cotta and ceramic are fragile and may crack when temperatures dip. As an alternative, interior designer Celerie

Kemble recommends weather-resistant resin or fiberglass, which can mimic the look of limestone and fired clay but won't chip, fade or corrode. These materials provide the added benefit of being lightweight, a boon when you're repositioning or repotting (on her Manhattan terrace, Kemble uses galvanized-steel containers that are easy to move inside during winter). Another durable option is teak, which is rot-resistant and acquires a lovely patina over time. E Turner and Kemble point out that since drainage holes are necessary to keep greenery healthy, it might be necessary to place a tray underneath to prevent water stains on decks or floors.

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