

# Outdoor Winter Planter

A step-by-step guide  
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# Step 1

Collect a variety of evergreens such as white pine, spruce, juniper & cypress, birch tree branches, red or yellow twig dogwood, magnolia branches and nandina berries

Keep branches and stems long

Fill pot with soil or sand and keep from freezing until design is complete

Greens may be kept outside or in garage, preferably in water

Organize by height, foliage, type

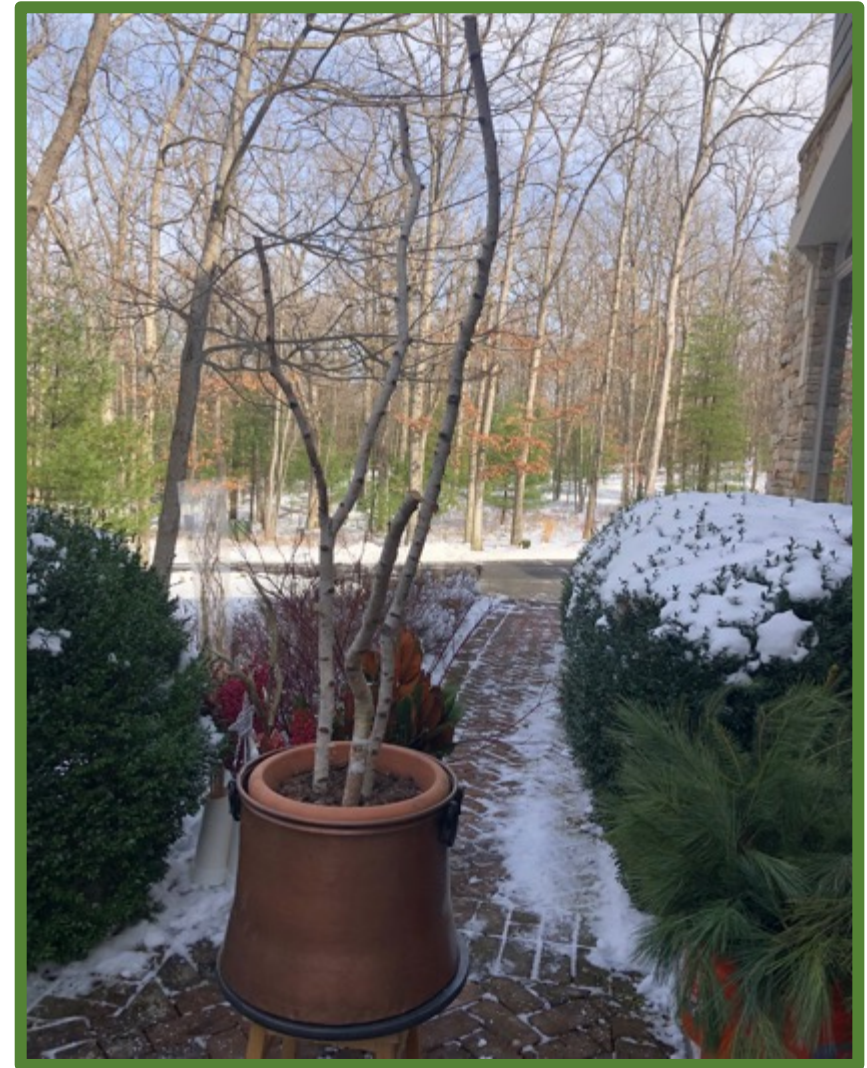


## Step 2

Insert 3 birch tree branches toward the rear of your container

Splay or angle them so they are not sticking straight up

They can be quite tall, up to 7 feet



## Step 3

Create the understory of your design by adding evergreens around the rim of the container

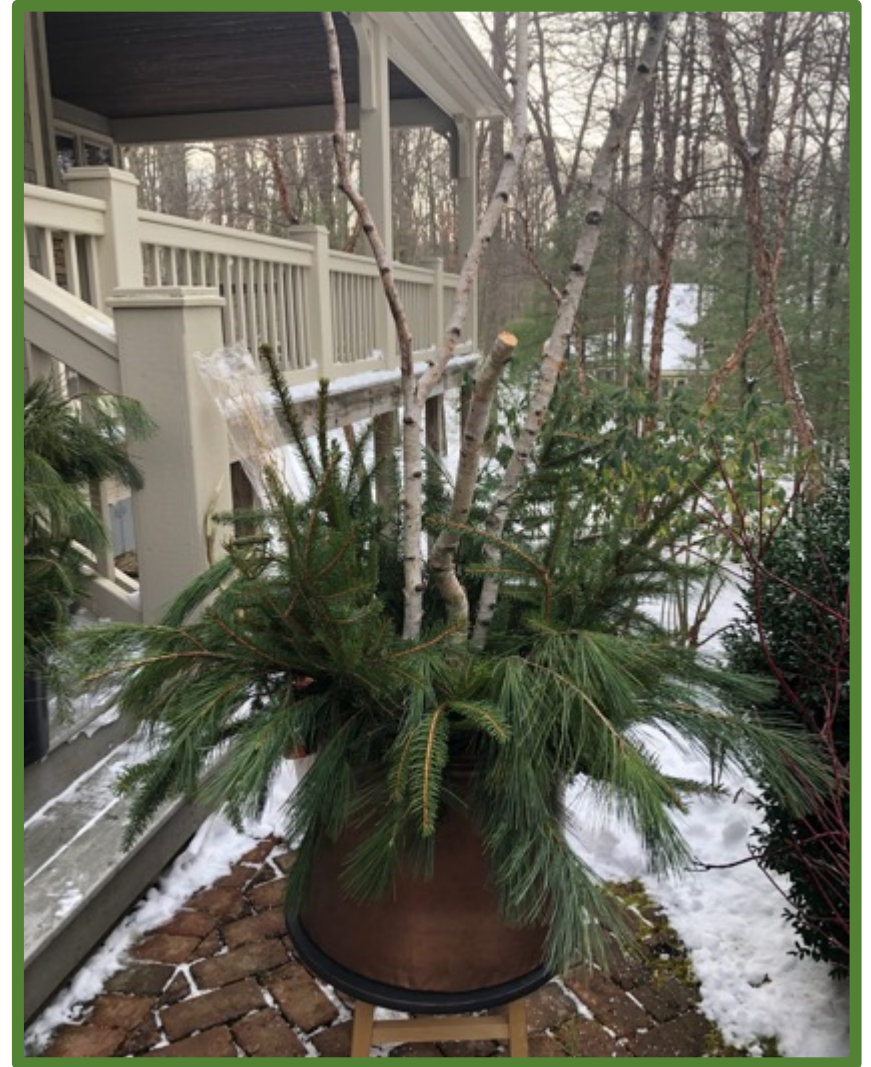
Push the sturdy evergreens into the container on an upright angle



## Step 4

Add other varieties of evergreens, such as wispy white pine, all around the container

Add in yellow threaded cypress and blue spruce for color variety



## Step 5

Add several branches of red twig dogwood all around the container, in an upright position



## Step 6

Add red berries, a large pinecone and an ornament for an accent



# Final Arrangement

Your container will stay looking fresh and green all winter long

When the season begins to change, pull out your accents and change to compliment the season

Nestle in a pot of daffodils and some pussy willow stems in early Spring

