

Alabama 4-H Grows

Container Garden Challenge Spring/Summer

The Alabama 4-H Grows Container Garden Challenge is offered through the 4-H Grows Gardening Program as a way to provide young people with hands on gardening experiences that include designing and growing a living work of art with plants.

Gardening in containers is one of the most compact, versatile, and creative forms of garden design. Planning and planting a container garden is a lot like making a traditional floral arrangement but instead of using cut flowers, you use the entire plant so that you can enjoy your floral creation for weeks if not throughout the whole season. Container gardens also enable you to beautify entryways, patios, porches, decks and other places with floral artwork, making any outdoor location more enjoyable and inviting.

Through this project, participants will learn how to select plants so that their creations have a “thriller”, “filler” and “spiller” that work together to make a “killer” of a display as well as selecting a container that helps to make the creation unique as well as interesting.

Once participants have planted their container gardens, we invite everyone to share their container garden creations by taking a photograph and posting it on the 4-H Facebook page as we celebrate their success. This can be done anytime between April and August.



Are you ready to participate in the Container Garden Challenge?

Any youth, 9–18 years old by January 1, may participate in the Alabama 4-H Grows Container Garden Challenge Project. When signing up in 4HOnline, go to the 4-H Grows Event and choose the Container Garden Challenge.

