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SECTION 1: LANDSCAPING NEWS & ADVICE

How to Decorate a Small Front Porch for Summer — Cheaply & Easily

Small outside spaces are perfect for dressing up - because it can be cheap, quick and easy to do so! Following is a perfect plan.

1. Porch Paint/Stain: What you use will depend on your preference and what your porch is made of. But, as most are wood, painting and/or staining it is the perfect way to make it look new.

The most important thing is to choose a color in style with the rest of the exterior of your home. Be sure to buy exterior paint as it is made to withstand outside weather conditions, like rain and heat.

Staining: Staining tends to be less expensive than painting, and it gives the same fresh, revitalized look to wood. Here again, choose a stain in keeping with your home's exterior.

2. Porch Plants: Outside spaces, particularly in the spring and summer, practically beg for plants.

Big clay flower pots on small spaces like a front porch add designer pizzazz to a usually forgotten space. Choose two or three, 3-4-foot-tall flower pots and plant summer trees in them (eg, palms).

Colorful flowers like annuals and perennials work well and they are economical, coming in trays of 6 for \$2-\$4/tray. Choose different colors - yellows, purples, whites, pinks, reds, etc.

Once you've planted your arrangements in the pots, place them strategically so that they can be easily seen, but are still out of the walkway.

3. Porch Furniture: A couple of chairs and a table are all you need to make a small front porch a perfect summer getaway.

Wicker chairs are ideal for front porch seating because they are economical and can be spray-painted to match any color scheme. Add vinyl seat covers and you're almost there.

For a table, scour flea markets for economical finds. Or, try something untraditional - like a cut log that can be used as a table.

Finishing touches: The above is really all you need, but an outside rug, a basket to hold magazines and books and outside mats for your table are other accessories you might want to add.

Voila! You've created the perfect getaway for morning coffee, afternoon tea, or a place to read the Sunday paper - in peace and in style.

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