



Putting together a balcony garden

Things to consider

- ♣ Weight of garden beds
- ♣ Water run-off on your balcony
- ♣ The amount of space you can use - both vertical and horizontal
- ♣ Wind, sun, shade
- ♣ Maintenance - keep it minimal
- ♣ How you will water your plants

Steps to take

- 1 Consult with your Owners Corporation before you begin. There may be governing regulations that apply to your balcony. You may need to negotiate.
- 2 Design your space: consider aspect - wind, sun and shade - and look for plants that would do well in your conditions.
- 3 Consider the range of containers you could use:
 - ♣ pots and saucers
 - ♣ styrofoam boxes
 - ♣ wooden crates
 - ♣ polypipe system
- 4 Consider how you could use your vertical space
 - ♣ ladders
 - ♣ tiered shelving
 - ♣ hanging pots
 - ♣ lattice on ceiling
 - ♣ planter poles
 - ♣ polypipe system
- 5 Add a small pond on your balcony to attract beneficial insects and perhaps frogs, lizards or other life.
- 6 Include small animals like worms, quails, pigeons, or yabbies on your balcony. The waste from these animals can be used as fertiliser for your plants.
- 7 Collect water on your balcony. You may be able to redirect your water from down pipes, have a small tub or collect water from rain for your plants.
- 8 Grow things that grow easily, that you like to eat and that don't take up too much space.
- 9 Make your balcony a beautiful space to enjoy and spend time.

