Extend the party into the night with these wood barrels made into planters with posts that hold string lights.

**DO IT YOURSELF**

**PLANTER POST**

**Skill Level**

**Estimated Cost** $100

**Time** 1 Day

**TOOLS & MATERIALS PER PLANTER**

- planter barrels
- 4x4 post
- (4) bags Quikrete
- water
- shovel
- C-hooks
- string lights
- flowers
- potting mix
- hand towel
- scrap wood
- pneumatic nail gun
- nails
- compressor
- level
- drill
- drill bit
- zip ties

**STEP 1**

The concrete should fill about ⅛ to ⅜ of the barrel to provide enough stability for the posts. Set planter barrel in place and mix the concrete in the barrel. We filled the barrel with about 8”-10” of concrete to make a 16”-18” planter.

**STEP 2**

Mix the concrete with water and shake the planter to ensure air bubbles in the mix rise to the top. If you are using several bags of concrete, it is easier to mix one at a time.

**STEP 3**

Set the 4x4 post in the center of the planter and check levels to make sure the post is not leaning.

**STEP 4**

Screw scrap wood to the post to hold it upright while the concrete is setting. Add another bag of concrete if necessary.

**STEP 5**

Use a drill to make drainage holes just above the line of concrete.

**STEP 6**

After the concrete has cured, add potting mix and selected flowers to the planter.

**STEP 7**

At the top of the 4x4 post, pre-drill a hole for the C-hook that will hold the string lights. Insert a C-hook in each of the poles toward the top. Hang string lights from the C-hooks using zip ties to secure the lights to the hooks. Hang the lights around the perimeter of the space, criss-crossing the area if desired.

**STEP 8**

Turn on the lights and enjoy the night.

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