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Fence Planter

This project transforms a plain fence into a fabulous decorative element. It's quick to make, and, with the addition of some charming (albeit pre-made and readily available) ornamental gingerbread, it will certainly perk up an uninteresting space in your yard.



Materials and Supplies

- 10 linear feet of 1 x 6 pine
- 2 pre-made wooden gingerbread ornaments, approximately 6 x 8 inches each

Hardware

- 50, 1-5/8" wood screws
- 20 1" (2d) finish nails
- 3, 3-1/2" wood screws

Cutting List

Code	Description	Qty.	Materials	Dimension
A	Front/Back	2	1 x 6	36" long
B	Side	2	1 x 6	5-1/2" long
C	Bottom	1	1 x 6	34-1/2" long

Making the Planter Box

1. Cut two Front/Backs (A) from 1 x 6 pine, each measuring 36 inches.
2. Cut two Sides (B) from 1 x 6 pine, each measuring 5-1/2 inches.
3. Position the two Front/Backs (A) on a level surface, parallel to each other and 5-1/2 inches apart. Fit the two Sides (B) between the two Front/Backs (A) to form a rectangle measuring 36 x 7 inches, as shown in *Figure 1*. Apply glue to the meeting surfaces, and screw through the Front/Backs (A) into the Sides (B) using three evenly spaced 1-5/8" wood screws on each joint.
4. Cut one Bottom (C) from 1 x 6 pine measuring 34-1/2 inches.
5. Insert the Bottom (C) inside the assembled rectangle, flush with the bottom edges of the Front/Backs (A) and Sides (B). Screw through the Front/Backs (A) and Sides (B) using 1-5/8" wood screws about every two inches.

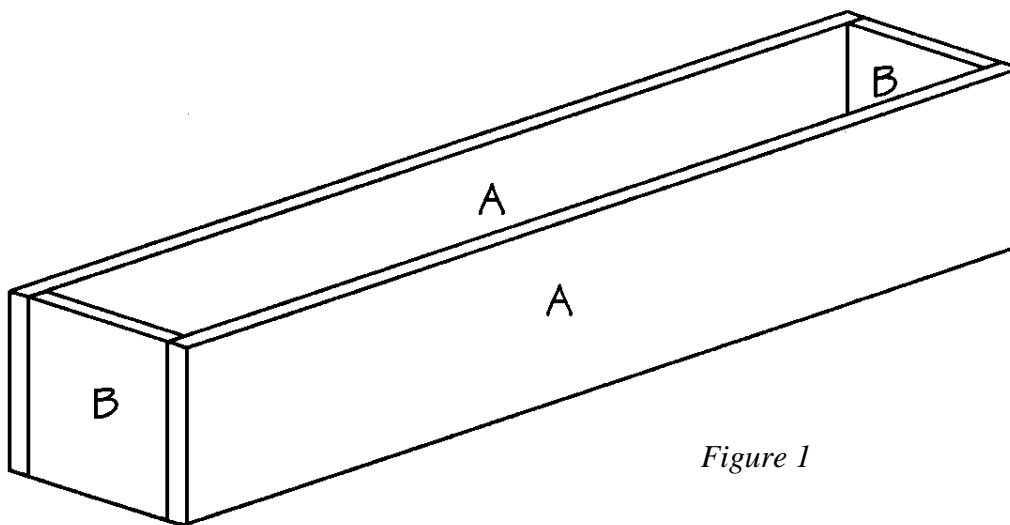


Figure 1



Finishing

1. Sand the assembled fence planter thoroughly. An optional step is to drill several drainage holes through the bottom of the planter to allow the plants to drain properly.
2. Paint or stain the planter and gingerbread ornament the colors of your choice--or leave the planter its natural color. (If you decide to paint or stain the planter and ornaments the same color, you may do so after the project is completely assembled.)
3. Attach the gingerbread ornament to the front corners of the planter using several 1-inch finishing nails.
4. Attach the planter to the fence. It is a good idea to use 3-1/2" wood screws and attach the planter to the fence and to a fencepost behind it. (When the planter is full of dirt and flowers it may be too heavy for some fences.)



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