

# HOW TO MAKE A WATER TROUGH PLANTER

Think a water trough is just for the delights of farm animals? Then think again... Here are just 5 reasons why a galvanised steel trough from McVeigh Parker makes the perfect garden planter!

## 1. Strong and Robust

Our steel troughs are made of tough galvanised steel, the perfect material to withstand both the weight of a fully planted trough and the rusting deterioration all too commonly seen with similar yet inferior planters

## 2. Contemporary Design

Rolled top edges and sheet steel galvanised structure, its strong lines will add a sleek and streamlined look to any garden, be it a balcony in Clapham or a cottage garden in Headcorn.

## 3. The Look

Although very shiny when new, they will soon dull down with age and become a very soft grey look, alternately you can accelerate the process to give an authentic aged appeal earlier by using toilet cleaner and a wire brush (see various web sites on ageing galvanised steel for guidelines). Or alternatively why not add some distinctive effects with gloss paint to your design.

## 4. The Ease

Why not add ready made concrete supports made to carry and suit our standard range of troughs. Although these are heavy to install they provide a strong support at a very convenient height for planting and weeding. Alternatively a cheaper option would be to put your planter on timber or breeze block supports.

## 5. Striking display with minimal effort

In less than 1 hour you will have created a focal point admired throughout the year with minimal upkeep and maximum effect.

### A water trough from McVeigh Parker features

- > Heavy galvanised finish
- > Pre-drilled drain hole
- > Roll top soft edges

#### STAGE 1

Decide on the placement of your water trough.

#### STAGE 2

Choose the perfect trough for your garden.

At McVeigh Parker we stock a range of water troughs

> Livestock Water Trough available in sizes from 40cm/(16") depth, 60cm (2ft) to 3m (10ft)

> Sheep Water Trough ranging from 26cm/(10.5") depth, 60cm (2ft) to 2.80m (8ft) long (shallower profile)

#### STAGE 3

To ensure the trough planter has sufficient drainage, place a 5-10cm (2-4inch) layer of gravel evenly across the bottom of the water trough



#### STAGE 4

On top of the gravel, place a piece of textile membrane along the trough. This will keep the soil in place, stopping it from washing away under the gravel when watered.



#### STAGE 5

Cover with your preferred compost. We used a general multi purpose compost mixed with fertiliser for added growing power.



#### STAGE 7

Place your plants on top of the soil and arrange until you are happy with the display.

#### STAGE 8

Plant, Water, and enjoy!

When considering plants for your planter, try to take in to account the changing seasons and select plants for the back, middle, front and sides of the planter.

To see what we planted go to <https://mcveighparker.com/how-to-plant-a-water-trough-planter>

