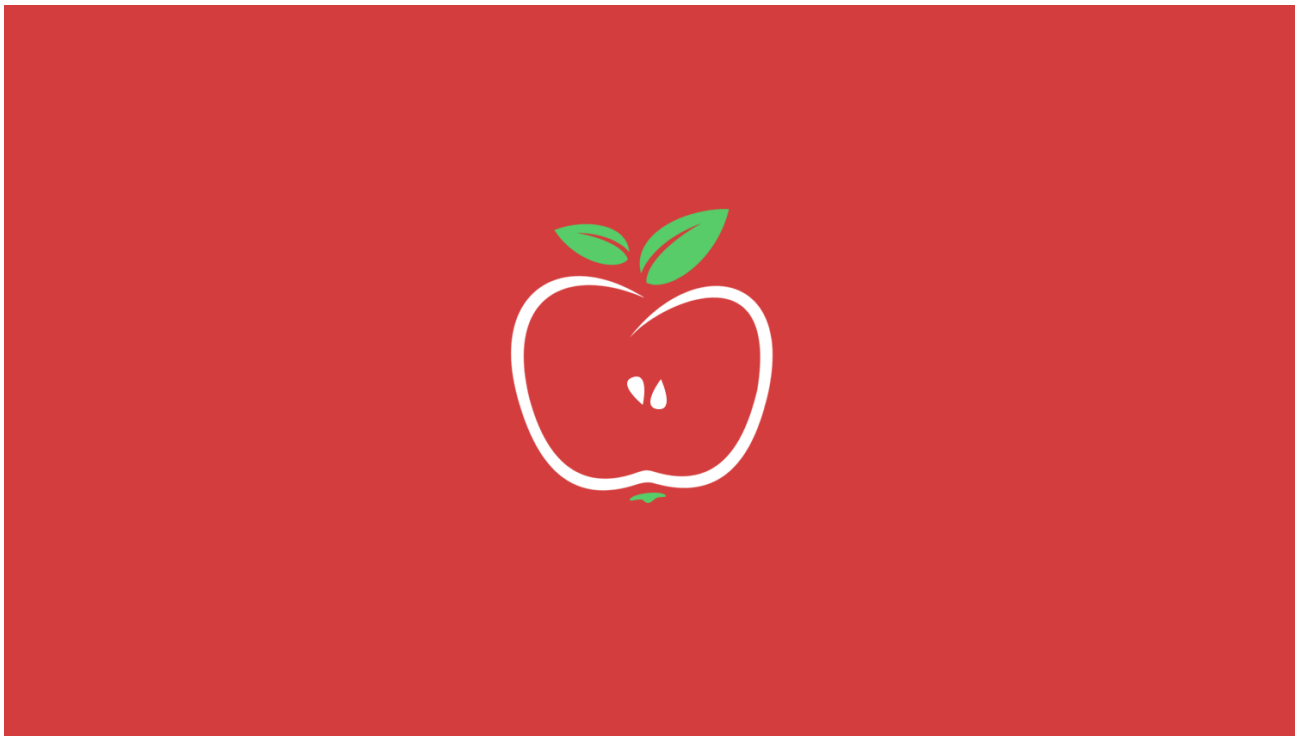
How to Make a Mounted Driftwood Planter

Maybe your pets always knock over your plants — or maybe you're just plain tired of your current gallery wall setup. Whatever the case, odds are high that this easy-to-make mounted driftwood planter will make your home happier. We had Robynne Heymans and Mike Madden, owners of Embark Garden, a New York-based plant design company, show us how to make this cool vertical wall planter in four steps.



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START WITH:

- [ ] Piece of aged, hardened driftwood
- [ ] Nails
- [ ] Wall hanging hardware kit
- [ ] Wire
- [ ] Sphagnum moss (preserved or living)
- [ ] Small plant
- [ ] Water
- [ ] Heymans recommends using organic products when possible to avoid chemical additives. You can find sphagnum moss at most nurseries, hydroponic stores, or hardware stores that sell orchids. Driftwood can be found at any aquarium supply store.

RECOMMENDED PLANTS:

- [ ] Pothos Philodendron
- [ ] Staghorn fern

PLANTS TO AVOID:

- [ ] Flowering plants (such as orchids)
- [ ] Succulents
- [ ] Maidenhair fern
- [ ] Ming Aralia

STEPS:

- [ ] STEP 1: Attach nails and wall hanging hardware kit to a piece of driftwood.
- [ ] STEP 2: Wire on a layer of sphagnum moss.
- [ ] STEP 3: Place plant on moss, loosen roots to make it lie flat and then cover the rootball with another layer of sphagnum moss.
- [ ] STEP 4: Wire on plant and sphagnum moss, wrapping around nails as anchors. Now it's ready to hang on the wall!

How to Take Care of Your Mounted Driftwood Planter

- [ ] Mist daily.
- [ ] Water once every three to five days depending on the amount of light and humidity in your home. When the soil and moss dry out, it's time to water again. Don't wait until the leaves droop!
- [ ] Water under a tap and allow to drip in sink before hanging it up again.
- [ ] Place your driftwood planter directly in a north-facing window or two to three feet from a south, west, or east-facing window. They need bright, indirect light to grow.
- [ ] Keep away from the radiator in winter.
- [ ] Clip off any dead leaves.
- [ ] Expect to repot once every few months with a new plant.

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