



# Growing Dahlias in Pots

*Perfect for Beginners & Small Spaces*



## No garden? No problem.

Dahlias grow beautifully in pots—making them a wonderful choice for patios, porches, and small spaces. While they love being in the ground, they can absolutely thrive in containers with just a few simple adjustments.



### 1 START WITH THE RIGHT VARIETY

If you're new to growing in pots, keep it easy:

- Choose dwarf or shorter varieties
- They're easier to manage and don't need as much support



#### *Good to know:*

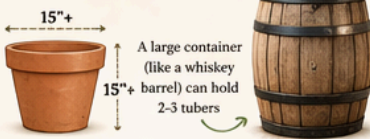
You can grow larger dahlias in pots—you'll just need a bigger container and a stake for support.

### 2 PICK THE RIGHT POT

Size matters more than you might think.

For best results:

- Choose a pot at least 15 inches wide and deep
- Bigger pots = stronger plants and better blooms
- Make sure your container has drainage holes (this is very important!)



If using a raised bed:



### 3 USE THE RIGHT SOIL MIX

Container soil should be light and balanced—not too rich.

A simple mix:



*Avoid:*

- ✗ Soils with too much fertilizer
- ✗ High-nitrogen mixes (they grow leaves, not flowers)

### 4 WATERING IS DIFFERENT IN POTS

This is the biggest difference from planting in the ground.



**After planting:**  
Keep soil slightly damp (not dry, not soaking)



**Once sprouts appear:**  
• Water more regularly  
• Check soil often—pots dry out faster



**In warm weather:**  
You may need to water once a day or more



**When plants reach about 12 inches tall:**  
They'll need consistent moisture to grow and bloom well



### 5 FEEDING YOUR PLANTS

Because water washes nutrients out of pots, your plants will need a little extra food.



Use a low-nitrogen fertilizer



Feed every 2–3 weeks during the growing season



#### SIMPLE CONTAINER GROWING CHECKLIST



Large pot (15"+ with drainage)



Keep soil slightly moist at first



Dwarf variety (or stake larger ones)



Plenty of sunshine (6–8 hours daily)



Light, balanced soil mix



Feed every few weeks



#### A BEGINNER-FRIENDLY REMINDER

Container growing just means paying a little closer attention—especially to watering.

- ♥ Start simple.
- 🔍 Check your plants often.
- 🌱 Adjust as you go.

Because even in a small space...  
*dahlias can grow into something truly beautiful.*



♥ A little care today brings a lot of beauty tomorrow. ♥ Happy growing!

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## PART 2

### Sunlight, Flexibility & Simple Success

Growing dahlias in pots comes with a special advantage—  
you can move them.

And that flexibility can make all the difference.

#### 6 SUNLIGHT STILL MATTERS



Even in containers, dahlias need:

6–8 HOURS OF  
SUNLIGHT EACH DAY

Morning and early  
afternoon sun is best.



#### 7 USE THE ADVANTAGE OF POTS

This is where container growing really shines!

You can move your pots to:



Follow the sun



Protect from strong winds



Provide light shade during very hot afternoons



Think of it as giving your plants the *best seat* in the garden—wherever that may be.

#### 8 BEST DAHLIAS FOR CONTAINERS

If you want the easiest success, start with:

- Border dahlias
- Ball varieties
- Pompon types
- Shorter decorative dahlias

These stay more compact and are easier to manage in pots.



#### 9 USE CAUTION WITH LARGER VARIETIES

You can grow bigger dahlias—but they need more support.

Be cautious with:

- Very tall varieties
- Dinnerplate dahlias

If you choose these:



Use a large container



Add strong staking for support



#### 10 CONTAINER BASICS (QUICK GUIDE) ✓



Pot size: At least 15 inches (bigger is better)



Drainage: Must have good drainage holes



Soil: 2/3 garden soil + 1/3 potting mix



Water: Keep evenly moist (not soggy)



Sun: 6–8 hours daily



Feeding: Use low-nitrogen fertilizer regularly



Check often: Pots dry out faster than the ground



#### A SIMPLE REMINDER

Container dahlias may need a little more attention... but they give something special in return.



They bring beauty right up close—



to your porch, your patio, your everyday view.



And with just a little care and consistency, even the smallest space can be filled with color, life, and joy. ♥



♥ Small space. Big beauty. ♥ Grow your dahlias. Grow your joy. 🌿