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30" h.; \$22,000.
bddw.com



**QUADRATL BOX PLANTER
BY ORLANDO DIAZ-AZCUY**

28" sq. x 32.5" h.; \$6,270.
janusetcie.com

**RAISED FAUX BOIS PLANTER
BY MICHAEL FOGG**

42" w. x 42" h.; to the trade.
sutherlandfurniture.com



VASO CESTA

31" dia. x 17.5" h.; \$1,878.
innergardens.com



**ARABESQUE PLANTER
BY LOIS CARR**

16" w. x 16" d. x 14" h.; \$382.
feed-seed.com

what planter to purchase?

GG: You have to understand how much your deck or roof-top can handle. It's not just the planter's weight you need to consider, but also the soil and water.

CD: Back in the day, a good planter weighed 200 pounds. Now, with modern composites, you get the same heavy stone look, but it weighs nothing. So things are much easier.

How does the style factor into your decision-making?

GG: I like them to be more ornate than Christian does. I love a huge handmade pot where I see the fingerprints of the hands that made it. I like it to be wonky and wild.

CD: It is a big consideration, because nothing can wreck the overall aesthetic more than the wrong material.

I'm a fan of concrete, which can do no wrong.

What about color?

GG: I want an earthy palette for the outdoors. I can't compete with Mother Nature. She's the boss. On the porch or entrance, on the other hand, there's room to play with colors. If it's inside, go crazy.

CD: I like neutrals, blacks, whites, and greens. If you dip into color, there should be a real reason.

What's the perfect combination of plants in a June container?

GG: Early summer is the best time to grow plants. It's like open sesame for flowers, tomatoes, and fruit trees.

How much of the budget do you suggest putting toward planters during a renovation?

GG: A home's furniture budget should also include the outdoors—and planters are as essential as chairs and lounges in a terrace or garden.

CD: The backyard is another room in your home that happens to be open-air. To us, it's more valuable because it's where we like to hang out. ■