

RYE DRIFTWOOD GARDEN CLUB

FUN WAYS TO DECORATE WITH PUMPKINS AND GOURDS

Due to the current Covid 19 situation, Rye Driftwood Garden Club will not be holding meetings until further notice. Please visit our website <http://www.ryehgardenclub.org/> to get the latest update on our club's activities and news.

As the summer colors are fading with the cooler air, fall can be a fun time to add some color to both the inside and outside of your home. One of the easiest ways is to use seasonal crops such as pumpkins and gourds. Here are a few ideas.

Mix in different sized gourds and pumpkins with fall plants inside a flower box or outdoor container for a splash of color and texture.

Use gourds and mini pumpkins for candle holders! Be sure to use sturdy ones that stand up well on their own. Carve out the middle and drop a tea light inside. Put them on a mantle or add them to a fall tablescape.

Add a design or message to a large pumpkin using a stencil or by hand with a marker. Place it outside your front door for a festive way to greet visitors!

Carve out the inside of a medium pumpkin or large gourd and fill with flowers or succulents for a centerpiece. You can put a cylinder shaped vase inside to hold the flowers and also give you a way to use it longer by swapping out fading flowers for fresh ones as needed.

Paint faces or designs on a grouping of pumpkins and gourds to add some personality to a space.

Create your own pumpkin patch display either down your front steps or by a fireplace. Intertwine fairy lights for an added spark.

Celebrate the season by decorating with gourds and pumpkins that may last all the way through Thanksgiving!

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