

CRANBORNE STONE

GARDEN PLANTERS, POTS AND VASES

For an overview on care and maintenance of your new garden ornament please see the GENERAL INFORMATION, CARE & MAINTENANCE OF CAST STONE instructions as supplied.

To plant up your garden planter.....

- Once you have placed your planter or vase, line the planter around the insides only with a landscape or garden geotextile, root barrier material or section of PVC pond liner.
- Cover the drainage holes at the bottom of the planter with a piece of crock and fill the planter with approximately 10cm(4") of drainage material such as high quality expanded clay balls or 10-20cm washed gravel.
- Cut a piece of the liner material that you are using into a circle and place over the drainage material. The idea is that you separate the drainage material from the soil. This prevents the soil mixing with the drainage material and blocking your drainage holes.
- At this point and before you begin to infill your planter or vase with compost, it is recommended that you cover and protect the top of the planter with some of the liner material. This prevents the compost, which might be wet from staining the top rim of the planter. Compost stains will not be permanent - they will be washed out by the rain.
- Using good quality peat free compost, back fill your planter to roughly half way, gently firming the compost as you go. How much compost you use at this point will depend on the size of plant and root ball you have. Ideally you should place the stem of the plant 5cm(2") below the top of the planter.
- Place your plant in the planter or vase and gently firm more compost around the rootball until you are at the correct level around the base of the stem. Firm the soil so that the plant stands steady on its own.
- Once the plant is in place you have the aesthetic option to either spread some ornamental gravel or use some chipped bark around the base of the plant.
- Once in place your planter or vase will require very little attention, **the only rule to remember is that in summer and in very hot weather you should limit your watering times to the early morning or evening.**

Thank you for buying your new garden ornament from Cranborne Stone.