

# CountrySampler®

## Planter Box With Garden Gate Trellis

Upcycle a simple wood box and paint-stirring sticks to make a planter that enhances artificial blooms.

### Materials and Tools

- 10 1-gallon paint-stirring sticks
- Antique finishing wax
- Wood box with straight sides
- Cotton fabric
- Ribbon
- Seasonal sign
- Beaded garland
- Artificial flowers and greenery
- Decoupage medium
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Floral foam
- Paintbrush
- Scissors



### Instructions

1. Stain the natural wood of the paint-stirring sticks with antique finishing wax. Let dry.
2. On a flat work surface, lay out 8 stirring sticks vertically, with even spacing between them. Set 2 sticks horizontally across the others, near the top and bottom, and adhere with hot glue. Set aside to dry.
3. Cut fabric into a rectangle that is large enough to cover the front of the box and both sides, with excess to wrap over the top edge and bottom. Brush decoupage medium onto the front of the box and press the fabric onto it to attach. Continue with the sides. Wrap the fabric over the open top edge of the box and under the bottom. Brush several coats of decoupage medium over the fabric to seal it. Let dry overnight.
4. Embellish the box with ribbon and a sign, gluing into place.
5. Hot glue the stick gate to the back of the box. Let dry.
6. Fill the box with floral foam and build an arrangement with artificial flowers and greenery. Drape garland across the gate to finish.