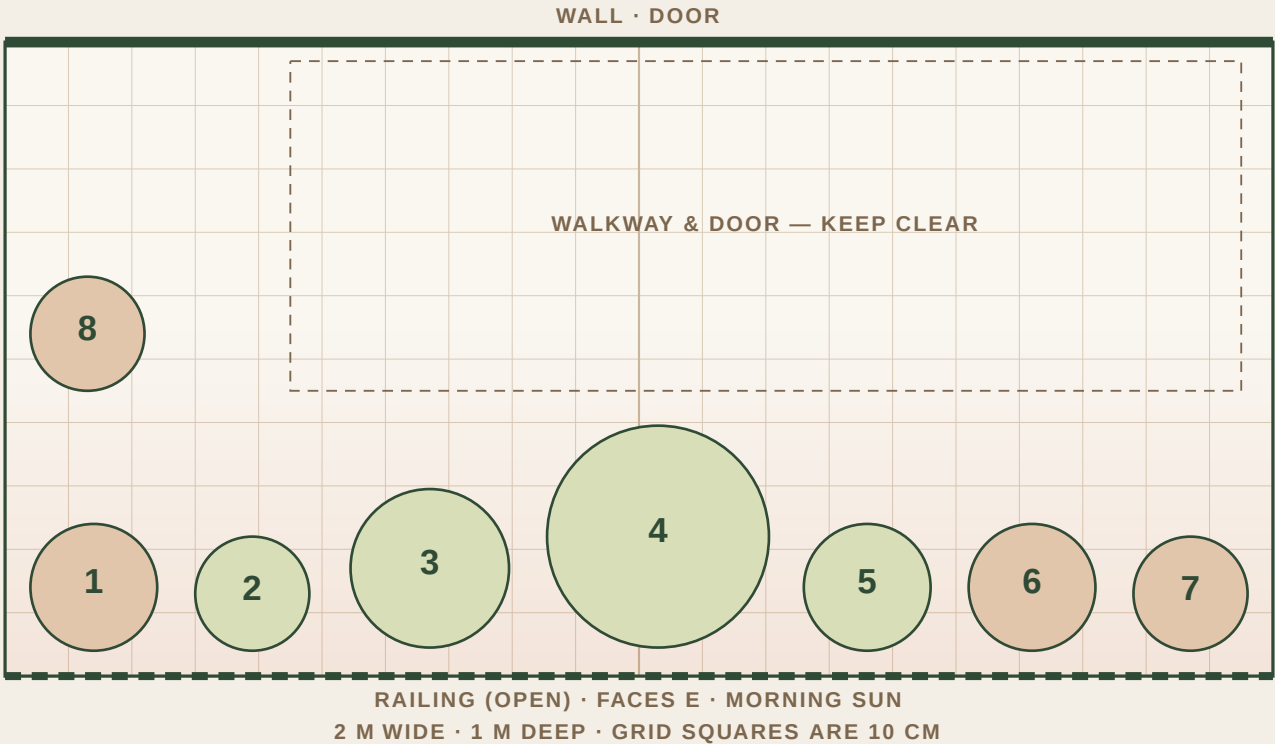


Example: 2 m × 1 m east-facing balcony

2 m × 1 m east-facing balcony · 4 h direct sun · breezy · water every 2–3 days



KEY

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| 1 Bedding begonia — 20 cm pot, 3 plants | 5 Flat-leaf parsley — 20 cm pot |
| 2 Chives — 18 cm pot | 6 Heuchera — 20 cm pot |
| 3 Lemon balm — 25 cm pot | 7 Sweet alyssum — 18 cm pot, 3 plants |
| 4 Bay tree — 35 cm pot | 8 Viola — 18 cm pot, 3 plants |

Morning sun, about 4 h a day in summer.
Climate we planned for (Mild temperate (assumed)): Frost likely Nov–Apr (last spring frost around April); coldest nights about -3 °C; warmest days about 23 °C.

SHOPPING LIST

What to buy

PLANTS

NO.	PLANT	HOW MANY	BUY AS
1	Bedding begonia	3	plug plants
2	Chives	1	young plant
3	Lemon balm	1	young plant
4	Bay tree	1	small plant (slow-growing)
5	Flat-leaf parsley	1	young plant
6	Heuchera	1	young plant
7	Sweet alyssum	3	plug plants or seed
8	Viola	3	plug plants

POTS — WITH DRAINAGE HOLES; LIGHTWEIGHT PLASTIC, FIBREGLASS OR FABRIC

SIZE	HOW MANY	HOLDS ABOUT
35 cm across	1	29 litres of compost each
25 cm across	1	10 litres of compost each
20 cm across	3	5 litres of compost each
18 cm across	3	4 litres of compost each

ALSO

ITEM	AMOUNT
Peat-free multipurpose compost	about 70 litres (2 × 40 L bags)
Saucers or pot feet	8 (feet in winter, saucers in summer)
Liquid tomato feed (high potash)	1 bottle
Gravel or bark mulch	a thin layer on each pot to cut drying out in the wind

Buy from any garden centre, supermarket or online shop — Window Plot doesn't sell plants or pots. Before filling pots, check your tenancy or building rules for what can stand on the balcony and how much weight is allowed; wet compost is heavy.

Looking after each plant

Bedding begonia

FLOWER / FOLIAGE · GROWS TO ABOUT 20 CM · FLOWERS ALL SUMMER
Tolerates shade; don't let it dry out completely.

Chives

HERB · GROWS TO ABOUT 30 CM · SNIP LEAVES; FLOWERS ARE EDIBLE
Cut to 3 cm and it regrows within weeks.

Lemon balm

HERB · GROWS TO ABOUT 45 CM · PICK LEAVES FOR TEA
Cut back hard in midsummer for a fresh flush of leaves.

Bay tree

HERB · GROWS TO ABOUT 80 CM · PICK SINGLE LEAVES
Evergreen structure; wrap the pot in hard frost.

Flat-leaf parsley

HERB · GROWS TO ABOUT 30 CM · PICK OUTER STEMS
Pick outer stems first; replace every second spring.

Heuchera

FLOWER / FOLIAGE · GROWS TO ABOUT 25 CM · YEAR-ROUND FOLIAGE COLOUR
Grown for its leaves; happy in part shade year-round.

Sweet alyssum

FLOWER / FOLIAGE · GROWS TO ABOUT 12 CM · HONEY-SCENTED FLOWERS
Shear back if it flops; it reflowers.

Viola

FLOWER / FOLIAGE · GROWS TO ABOUT 15 CM · FLOWERS AUTUMN TO SPRING
Deadhead weekly; they flower through mild winters.

Month by month

January

- Frost likely: group pots against the wall, lift them onto pot feet, water only when the top 2 cm is dry.
- Pick Bay tree lightly — little regrowth until spring.
- Violas keep flowering in mild spells; deadhead on dry days.

February

- Frost likely: group pots against the wall, lift them onto pot feet, water only when the top 2 cm is dry.
- Pick Bay tree lightly — little regrowth until spring.
- Violas keep flowering in mild spells; deadhead on dry days.

March

- Frost likely: group pots against the wall, lift them onto pot feet, water only when the top 2 cm is dry.
- Pick Bay tree lightly — little regrowth until spring.
- Violas keep flowering in mild spells; deadhead on dry days.
- Order plants and pots now so they're ready; check drainage holes on any pots you already have.

April

- Frost likely: group pots against the wall, lift them onto pot feet, water only when the top 2 cm is dry.
- Pick Bay tree lightly — little regrowth until spring.
- Violas keep flowering in mild spells; deadhead on dry days.
- Trim last year's woody herbs and top up pots with fresh compost.

May

- First year: pot up and plant Chives, Lemon balm, Bay tree, Flat-leaf parsley, Heuchera.
- Water every 2–3 days; check pots on windy days.
- Pick Chives, Lemon balm, Bay tree, Flat-leaf parsley regularly — cutting keeps them bushy.
- Deadhead Bedding begonia, Sweet alyssum and feed every 2 weeks.

June

- Frosts should be over — plant the tender ones: Bedding begonia, Sweet alyssum.
- Water every 2–3 days; check pots on windy days.
- Pick Chives, Lemon balm, Bay tree, Flat-leaf parsley regularly — cutting keeps them bushy.
- Deadhead Bedding begonia, Sweet alyssum and feed every 2 weeks.

Month by month

July

- Water every 2–3 days; check pots on windy days.
- Pick Chives, Lemon balm, Bay tree, Flat-leaf parsley regularly — cutting keeps them bushy.
- Deadhead Bedding begonia, Sweet alyssum and feed every 2 weeks.

August

- Water every 2–3 days; check pots on windy days.
- Pick Chives, Lemon balm, Bay tree, Flat-leaf parsley regularly — cutting keeps them bushy.
- Deadhead Bedding begonia, Sweet alyssum and feed every 2 weeks.

September

- Water every 2–3 days; check pots on windy days.
- Pick Chives, Lemon balm, Bay tree, Flat-leaf parsley regularly — cutting keeps them bushy.
- Deadhead Bedding begonia, Sweet alyssum and feed every 2 weeks.

October

- Sow or plant Viola for the cooler months.
- Water when the top 2 cm of compost is dry (roughly weekly).
- Viola: deadhead weekly for flowers.

November

- Frost likely: group pots against the wall, lift them onto pot feet, water only when the top 2 cm is dry.
- Pick Bay tree lightly — little regrowth until spring.
- Violas keep flowering in mild spells; deadhead on dry days.

December

- Frost likely: group pots against the wall, lift them onto pot feet, water only when the top 2 cm is dry.
- Pick Bay tree lightly — little regrowth until spring.
- Violas keep flowering in mild spells; deadhead on dry days.

What this plan assumes

Climate

We planned for: Mild temperate (assumed). Frost likely Nov–Apr (last spring frost around April); coldest nights about -3 °C; warmest days about 23 °C. These are general mild-temperate assumptions, not measured for your town. High floors and corners are often windier and colder than the town average.

Plants vary

Plants are living things. Varieties, the compost you use, pests, heat waves and how exposed your balcony really is all change the result. The plan gives you a sensible starting point, not a guarantee that every plant will thrive — watch them and move pots around if one struggles.

Your balcony and your building

This is an automated planning tool. It does not assess your balcony's structure, weight limits or safety, and nobody has inspected it. Keep pots on the floor, never on or over the railing, and check your tenancy agreement and building rules before you start.

What Window Plot is

A self-service digital plan generated from the details you entered. We don't sell or deliver plants or pots, don't install anything, and no horticulturist reviews individual plans. Questions: message us from your order page. If the plan is not useful to you, ask for a refund within 14 days of purchase.