

Foundation Skills: Horticulture

Pre-competition Activity Pack

Competition Task

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS SAMPLE MATERIAL ONLY, SOURCED FROM THE 2018 COMPETITION AND IS NOT THE BRIEF FOR THE OFFICIAL WORLDSKILLS UK COMPETITION.

Participants will be required to prepare a Seasonal planter.

This competition will test participant's knowledge and skills in the following areas:
Health and safety, horticulture, garden design, creativity, plant knowledge and planting skills.

Participants will be given 1 hr to prepare and present a seasonal planter.

The competition will require each participant to:

Task 1

- On paper:
 - draw a plan/design of the planter, highlighting a theme for the planter. o Indicate on the plan/design where each plant selection will be placed
 - include a planting list (a selection from the master plant list), a key for the design and reasons why you chose to include particular plants in the design

Task 2

- Practical assessment:
 - demonstrate horticultural health & safety while constructing the planter
 - construct the planter according to your plan/design
 - clear away equipment and clean down work area ready for the presentation
 - present you planter to the judges, explaining your selections/choices of planting and plants
 - demonstrate after-care of the planter, explaining what you would have to do to extend the life and vigor of the planter

Your competition host will have a selection of 8 plant available from this master plant list

- Box
- Carex
- Chamaecyparis
- Cordyline
- Pteris Fern
- Ivy
- Pansy
- Primrose
- Polyanthus
- Viola
- Bellis
- Seasonal Bulbs

Participants must provide their own uniform and PPE.

All plants, pots and compost will be provided. The pot will be 30cm diameter

Marking and Assessment

Competitors will be marked against the criteria:

- plan/design of planter
- health and safety
- maintenance of work area
- correct use of tools
- preparation of the planter
- planting skills (Correct depth and facing)
- appropriate density of planting.
- appropriate combination of plants (height/spread/ longevity and match with theme)
- details of aftercare.