Growing annuals in portable planters reflects the mobility and changeability of today's world. Around your home, they are a perfect way to spruce up the outdoors to fit your needs.

Annuals in containers broaden the opportunities for using color and flowers in the garden. Tubs of petunias, pansies, or impatiens dotted beside garden paths invite you to stroll along. On steps leading to the front or back door, pots of brightly blooming flowers say, "Welcome and come in."

Your view.

From the inside out, your view can be as pretty as your neighbors' when you dress up your windows with boxes of annuals. Remember that large boxes loaded with soil are heavy, so be sure they are securely fastened to the house. If you fill the box with individual pots of annuals, it will be lighter; you will also be able to quickly and easily change the plants should something go awry, or if you want a change of scene.