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WITH A SMALL BUDGET, A CONTAINER GARDENER TRANSFORMS HER GARAGE INTO A LUSH POTTING SHED.

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Some say the solutions to life's problems are in our own backyards. That's truly the case for Holley Jaakkola. The Savannah, Georgia, professional container gardener was tired of a long commute to work. The remedy appeared to her—literally—in her driveway. That's where she and her husband had always parked, since their cars wouldn't fit in their 1920s garage. The 18×18-foot dark and featureless space was used only for storage. But that was before Holley realized its potential.

With an investment of about \$6,000 and help from a carpenter friend, Holley created a new potting shed. She revamped and widened the old garage doorway with a set of salvaged double doors. She vaulted the ceiling, added vintage windows, coated the place in white paint, and cleaned its original concrete floors. Better lighting and a work sink made the result “clean and simple,” she says. “Just what I wanted.”

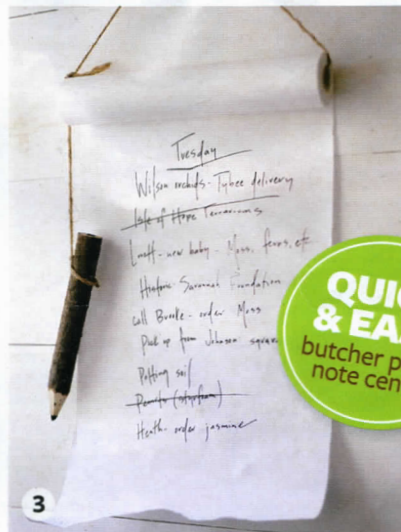
Holley's burlap-topped worktable, *opposite*, is flanked by two galvanized tubs, one with potting soil raised waist-high, “which makes planting so easy—I never have to bend over.” Three Chinese plant cloches are used as lamp shades overhead.



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1. and 2. "It really didn't take much to create this place," says Holley, who arranges large and small planted containers such as this silver trophy cup filled with ferns, ivy, and moss. **3. A hanging roll of butcher paper is handy for jotting down notes.** 4. Holley uses this vintage bistro set, softened with cushy throw pillows, as a meeting place for her clients. **5. Curtains made of white burlap trimmed in brown burlap are tied back with horse stirrups.** Holley had an old galvanized container made into a sink. 6. Open shelving stacked with potting containers looks beautiful and puts everything at Holley's fingertips. A zinc-top chest holds paperwork. 📖



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"I'm a very visual person, so I like to arrange my things—garden books, supplies, and the like—so I can look up and see them."

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