

## 6 Fast Ways to Get Your Porch Ready for Fall



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Autumn is coming, y'all ... and now that my toddler is getting old enough to actually \*notice\* things, that means one thing. I want to pull out alllllll the stops to give him a magical, dare I say "pumpkin-spiced" fall experience where we live in Colorado — starting with the front porch.

Let's get real for a moment: I practically ignore this part of our house for 10 months of the year. And most days, our curb appeal is more "eek" than "aaah." But there's something about autumn, with its fresh crispness in the air, and wafts of cinnamon and butter in our kitchen, that has me longing to haul out the proverbial welcome mat in the form of gorgeous gourds aplenty (even if the squirrels think I'm laying out a buffet, just for them).

To figure out what exactly I need to do to make my front porch as "Martha-worthy" as possible, I turned to the pro designers — and rounded up a few fun purchases to up our seasonal game, in just a few easy clicks.



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## Add earthy texture with pumpkins

Sure, it sounds obvious, but the more varieties and colors of pumpkins you employ in your Halloween-y decor, the better, says Stephanie Lindsey, a mother of three kids — a 4-year-old, 2-year-old and 10-month-old — and designer at [Etch Design Group](#). “Fall is all about coziness about welcoming people back to the home, and the best way to achieve a look that invites guests to gather is to keep it simple,” she says. “Use natural elements like pumpkins and display them at varying heights. There are so many varieties, that it’s easy to choose colors that pop against your door and exterior hue.”