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GREEN MANSIONS

Apartment dwelling is no excuse for a dull terrace or balcony: Philip Roche of Plant Specialists in New York and Illinois-based landscape architect Scott Byron offer green guidance.

First, make sure there's a water outlet nearby, says Roche, and then divulge your plans, even if they're minor, to your landlord or building managers. Plant boxwoods, Byron says, which stay green year-round. In warm months, augment with pots of colorful annuals. If English splendor isn't your cup of tea, try an Asian-style garden. Roche suggests Japanese black pine, and Byron advises using ornamental grasses in zinc pots. Visit plantspecialists.com and scottbyron.com.