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The porch is pretty safe for all these plants. Even on a very windy day, most continue to stand upright or hang securely because I set each pot carefully, placing heavy stones in the bottom of tall containers and strong chains on the big hanging baskets.

There are several recurring themes at the farm. One of them is color: pretty much everything outdoors is painted beautiful Bedford Gray. I have stained the clapboards and the shingles this warm color. The teak furniture is twice

stained, and the metal Windsor chairs (we designed them for our Bernhardt collection) are powder-coated. The stone pillars, which I use as pedestals, are a similar gray, and even the lanterns, from the Nantucket Lightshop ([nantucketlightshop.com](http://nantucketlightshop.com)), on Nantucket, were spray-painted to match. For pots, I use antique stone or cement urns or special gray clay pots made by father and son potters Guy and Ben Wolff (see their work at [guywolff.com](http://guywolff.com) and [benwolffpottery.com](http://benwolffpottery.com)).»

**NATURAL SHADES** The palette for this collection is fairly restrained—mostly green, with a few splashes of chartreuse and bronze in the begonia foliage and the kangaroo paw flowers. The varying textures of foliage, from the fine-leaved ferns to the broad Japanese aralias, supply visual interest.