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# Home Garden Starter Checklist

Work through one section at a time. Tick each box as you go.

## 1. Observe your space

- [ ] Count hours of direct sun (morning, noon, afternoon)
- [ ] Check wind exposure and shade from walls or railings
- [ ] Confirm where excess water will drain
- [ ] Plan how you will carry or reach water
- [ ] Check the floor or railing can safely bear the weight of filled pots

## 2. Gather containers

- [ ] 3–5 pots, grow bags or recycled containers
- [ ] Drainage holes in every container
- [ ] Saucers or trays to protect the floor
- [ ] At least one deeper container (30 cm+) for tomatoes or chillies

## 3. Mix your potting medium

- [ ] About 1 part garden soil
- [ ] About 1 part compost or well-rotted manure
- [ ] About 1 part cocopeat for lightness and moisture
- [ ] A handful of neem cake or dry leaves (optional)

## 4. Choose easy first plants

- [ ] One leafy green: spinach, fenugreek or amaranth
- [ ] One herb: tulsi, mint or coriander
- [ ] One fruiting plant: chilli or cherry tomato
- [ ] One hardy ornamental: money plant or snake plant (keep away from pets)

## 5. Weekly care routine

- [ ] Finger-test soil before watering (water when top 2–3 cm is dry)
- [ ] Water early morning or evening

- [ ] Check leaf undersides for pests
- [ ] Remove yellow or diseased leaves
- [ ] Add a thin layer of compost every 3–4 weeks
- [ ] Note what worked in a garden diary

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