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Fragrant Evergreen bestseller

A striking medium-sized evergreen shrub that is new for 2018. Daphne tangutica produces beautiful clusters of fragrant white/pink flowers on rich green foliage, followed by bright red berries during summer. Holder of a RHS Award of Garden Merit. It will create a wonderful display from late spring into the early summer, adding something

really special to any garden or patio space. Height and spread 1m. 9cm pot grown plants supplied.

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Gardening

Q&A



After cream of crop, can I save strawbs?

» What should I do with my strawberry plants once I have harvested all the fruit?

Martin Smith, Newbury
DAVID: Remove any straw or matting you've been using to protect strawberries from the earth, and trim away dead leaves. The plant will send out runners over the surface of the soil which can be pegged down. In August, once the runners have established, they can be cut away from the parent plant and transplanted ready for next year.



Get a grip on your cucumber growth

» I've read I need to "pinch out" my cucumbers - what does this mean exactly?

Matt, via email
DAVID: Once your plant has seven or eight leaves, remove the tip of the plant, cutting off from above the seventh leaf. This will encourage side shoots, which is where your cucumbers will form. You can also remove the ends of side shoots as the fruit begins to set, leaving more energy for the growth of the cucumbers.

TIP of the week

Make a light, easy-to-carry watering can from a four-pint plastic milk bottle. Put small holes in the lid, fill up and screw the lid back on. You can make miniature ones for the kids too.

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Forget fussy flowers, it's time to let fancy foliage come to the fore. These trouble-free shrubs are the perfect way to bring colour to your beds

Shrubs bring structure, variety and shape to our beds and borders. But if you think that's where it ends, and the only way to add colour to the garden is through flowers, think again.

The colourful foliage of a plant can be a fantastic way to provide interest for a much longer period of time - and sometimes even right through the whole year.

Whereas flowers can be short-lived, foliage sticks around much longer.

Strikingly coloured shrubs in reds and purples can create a dramatic backdrop for a floral display - while variegated leaves are able to lift the shadiest of corners.

And the great thing is that shrubs tend to be low maintenance in comparison to showy flowers - so it's well worth dotting a few in your beds and borders.

It's an easy way to add diversity to your planting scheme.

Pieris 'Forest Flame'

This striking plant is a fantastic evergreen shrub with colour-changing leaves. Young foliage starts out a bright shade of red, gradually fading

to pink and cream before finally turning green. You'll also get pretty cream clusters of flowers in spring. It prefers a sunny or partially shaded spot, and is ericaceous (ie acid-loving) so will not grow well in chalky soils.

Euonymus fortunei 'Emerald Surprise'
You'll get year-round colour with this evergreen shrub, which sports sensational green leaves edged in sunshine yellow. It's a great option to brighten up the borders throughout winter, and to add to a summery colour scheme in warmer months. It's happy in any soil, in sun or dappled shade.

Salvia officinalis 'Purpurascens'

Otherwise known as purple sage, this semi-evergreen dwarf shrub has aromatic foliage in an unusual smoky purple. The leaves can also be snipped off and used for recipes calling for regular sage. It's perfect for a sunny spot at the front of your borders.

Photinia 'Red Robin'

Photinia is a quick-growing evergreen, great to give privacy or as a stand-out border feature. Young leaves sprout rich red in spring, giving amazing

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Create garden dramas by choosing colourful shrubs

SMOKIN' Enjoy aroma from dwarf purple sage

RED START Forest Flame fades to white

contrast against more mature deep green foliage. Grows easily in full sun or partial shade.

Cornus alba 'Sibirica'

Also known as dogwood, this deciduous shrub is famed for its brightly coloured stems, which become a real

How kids

