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# Gardening

## Q&A

Pachysandra Terminalis

### Shady characters to shine and cover

» Please can you recommend some ground cover plants for a shady area?  
**DAVID:** I like the mat-forming and evergreen Pachysandra terminalis for its interesting foliage and peculiar white flowers in summer. Herbaceous geraniums also work well as does Hedera helix - ivy - epimedium and Tiarella cordifolia.



### Easy way to go wild in a plain old patch

» How can I create a wildflower meadow in an area of my garden?  
**Dylan, Manchester**  
**DAVID:** First, prepare the site by forking over soil, making sure you don't add any extra fertiliser or organic material. Then use a wildflower seed mix to sow your seeds over the prepared area. You may want to use netting to protect your seeds from the birds as they germinate.

## TIP of the week

Re-use old wellies, watering cans and even teapots and turn them into quirky containers for your plants. Just ensure you drill some drainage holes in the bottom.

## GET IN TOUCH

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Trees can bring fruit, blossom, shape and colour, bringing a special and lasting joy to your garden. You just need to pick the right one for you

» THERE is something wonderfully permanent about planting a tree.

You can use them to mark a special event or occasion, watch them grow and let them serve as a beautiful living reminder for years to come.

Maybe you want a tree to bring you home-grown produce like apples, pears and cherries. Or perhaps you're planting a tree simply for its wonderful spring blossom, autumn colour and to host wildlife such as nesting birds.

Whatever the reason, you needn't be daunted by the process. Picking the right tree for your garden is all part of the fun and getting it in the ground is easy enough.

There are many types of tree to choose from, from small ornamental trees with their beautiful blossom to towering conifers and their excellent structure and winter colour.

Fruit Trees:

FRUIT trees are fantastic because they often provide beautiful blossom, fantastic autumn colour and of course edible fruits. Apple, pear, cherry, plum and even almond trees all grow well in UK gardens.

Many people think you need a lot of space to grow fruit trees but actually, you just need to ensure the tree gets pollinated. This can be achieved by purchasing two compatible trees to pollinate each other - or simply buy a self-pollinating tree if you only have room for one.

If your neighbour has a fruit tree, why not check what they have? That way you can get a compatible tree to pollinate the other and vice versa, bringing you both a wonderful crop of fruit.

For very small gardens, bush apple trees are available, and you can also buy a 'family tree' which has different apple varieties growing on it that will pollinate each other. I recommend the apple tree variety 'Laxton's Superb' for



MAGIC Magnolia grown for flowers



ACER SPADES Colour with Japanese maples



HARVEST Pears

a small self-pollinating tree that brings pretty spring colour as well as edible apples. Do bear in mind that most fruit trees require a sunny location.

Ornamental Trees:

TREES can be a fantastic ornamental addition to your garden and can really make the basis for a wider garden design.

Think olive trees in a Mediterranean style garden, or acers in a Japanese

## From concrete



INVOLVED Bringing people together in Hackney

BRITAIN'S brightest gardening competition, in conjunction with the Sunday Mirror and our sponsor, Calliope® Flowers is handing out prizes worth £20,500.

We've already had hundreds of entries for Cultivation Street 2018 - but there's still time to bring your community gardening project to the attention of our judges.

People living in a small part of



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# Special branches



**COR** Apple trees for beauty and a fat crop



**DEEP THINKING** Tricks to planting

style garden. Prunus Pendula 'Rosea' is an excellent weeping ornamental cherry variety that has lovely arching branches that drip with pale pink flowers in spring.

It doesn't grow very large, so is perfect for smaller gardens. Or try the elegant Pyrus Salicifolia Pendula in a sunny spot or Betula Pendula 'Youngii' for ornamental bark.

**Foliage Trees:**

THE quiet arrival of the autumn garden is a sight to behold and choosing trees for their autumn colour can really add to this effect.

Japanese Maples are an obvious

choice, and there are a huge variety available for many types of garden. I really like the Acer Palmatum 'Trompenburg' for its interesting colour-changing foliage that starts off purple in spring and ends up a vibrant orange in autumn.

Picea Blue Conifer Glauca is also a good choice to add some interesting foliage and colour over winter to your garden. Or try the Norway Maple 'Drummondii' for a lovely variegated leaf and a dazzling autumn display.

**Flowering Trees:**

SOME trees, such as the magnificent magnolia, are grown simply for their

exquisite spring flowers.

The Magnolia x Soulangeana has beautiful goblet shaped pink and creamy white flowers, whilst the Malus x moerlandsii 'Profusion' has stunning carmine blossom which is incredibly deep in colour.

Crataegus laevigata 'Paul's Scarlet' is also often grown for its interesting light red flowers in spring, and glossy green leaves throughout summer.

**Planting:**

YOU can buy trees pre-grown in pots that are ready to take home from the garden centre.

Once you've got them home, soak

the plant thoroughly in its pot and leave overnight, placing in a shady area until ready to plant.

Dig a hole about twice as big as the pot it came in. Lightly fork over the soil at the bottom and sides of the hole, and line with a little compost.

Remember to remove any weeds or large stones from the planting site. When you put your tree in the hole, you must ensure that it isn't planted any deeper than the soil level of the pot it originally came in.

A common mistake people make when planting trees is to plant them too deep.

## OFFER of the week



## GADGET



Be kind to yourself with this comfy Kent and Stowe garden kneeler. It offers support to cut down leg and knee ache when you're working in your borders or veg patch.

It's thickly padded and comes in a tough, water-resistant case, which has a handle. Ideal for hard garden work - and you can even use it as a seat pad for outdoor furniture when you are taking a rest. It costs

£14.99 at [harrisgardencentre.co.uk](http://harrisgardencentre.co.uk)

# jungle to a friendly, green oasis



Hackney, east London, have launched a crowdfunding scheme to beautify their area of about 300 properties.

Launched earlier this year, the '10x Greener' project has brought together people of all ages, backgrounds and cultures.

Local Gerry Tissier, 58, a father-

of-two and charity communications worker for World Vision UK, explained: "It really creates a better sense of wellbeing among neighbours. I've made many new friends from doing it."

"A pilot project called 'The 10x Greener project' was set up in February by Daniel Raven Ellison funded by Friends of the Earth, to support residents of a small neighbourhood to make their streets green.

"10x Greener project includes private terraced housing where property prices have soared in recent years. On the other side is a big social housing estate with high levels of economic and social deprivation.

"In between is a high-rise block with a large number of private renters. The community is made up of people of all ages who have come from all round the world. Some residents are born and bred in the area, others are recent



**MUCKING ABOUT** Kids getting ready to grow