

## Dwarf Azalea Pink Spider

A compact bushy evergreen shrub, perfect for growing in pots on the patio



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### The Ultimate Patio Plant

This compact, bushy evergreen will fill your garden with colour all year round. It is particularly perfect for a smaller garden or in pots to brighten up the patio. Azalea Pink Spider produces amazing, large pink spider-like flowers with a white edge and attractive

contrasting dark foliage in spring to summer. Height 60cm. Spread 60cm. Pot grown plants supplied. Delivery within 14 days.

**You can order one Azalea Pink Spider for £9.99, or buy two for just £19.98 and get one FREE.**

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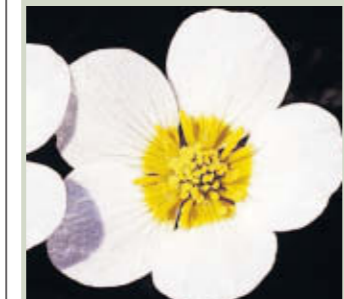
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## Q&A



### It is never too late to try some earlies

▶ I've planted "early" potatoes this year. How and when should they be harvested? **Nigel Smith, Plymouth**  
**DAVID:** Earlies can be harvested between June and August, but make sure you wait until the flowers have opened or the buds have dropped. They are best when they're fresh so dig them up as and when you need them, carefully easing them out with a garden fork. They should be roughly the size of an egg.



### Pond-ering subject of plants for a pool

▶ What plants can I use to add interest to my pond other than water lilies?  
**Ron by email**  
**DAVID:** There are loads of other plants you can use. *Orontium aquaticum* (Golden Club) has yellow-tipped flower stems that emerge from floating green leaves. Or try *Ranunculus Aquatilis* (Common Water Crowfoot) for pretty white buttercup-shaped flowers popping up above lobed floating leaves.

## TIP of the week

Reuse water used to boil eggs or vegetables to give the veggies out in your garden an extra nutrient boost. Just ensure it has cooled before you use it to water your plants.

## GET IN TOUCH

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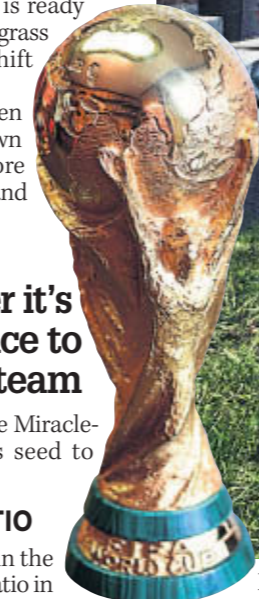
The 2018 World Cup is nearly here so now's the time to get your patio and lawn ready to host some football party action. Here's how to be a winner...

**W**ith the first matches kicking off in a little over a week, World Cup fever is about to take hold of the nation. So why not make the 2018 competition special with a party in your garden?

If the weather's nice, it's the perfect place to cheer on your team and play a little footie with your friends and family. And with the time difference between the UK and Russia, the latest kick-offs are at 7pm - perfect for a balmy evening's entertainment. All you need to do is create an outdoor lounge area and you'll be all set. Everything will be perfect - even if England don't make the final!

### STEP 1: THE LAWN

Before or after the match there are sure to be a few guests who want a kickabout themselves. Make sure your lawn is ready for action by cutting the grass and setting up makeshift goalposts at either end. If the weather has been dry recently, give your lawn a watering the day before to ensure it looks green and



**GAME ON IN THE GARDEN**  
A back yard can be turned into outdoor match venue

### In nice weather it's the perfect place to cheer on your team

healthy. You can also use Miracle-Gro Patch Magic grass seed to repair any bald spots.

### STEP 2: THE PATIO

If you're hosting friends in the garden, you want your patio in tip-top condition.

Make it look great by removing any rogue weeds and giving the slabs a jet wash. Jet washes can be hired to blast away residual dirt and grime if you don't have one of your own. Alternatively, if your patio really is looking the worse for wear, or you don't have one already, you might want to think about a new one.

Patios are no longer just for functionality. More and more they are being used to create a low-maintenance element of gardens with raised beds, seating and water features all tying in to create a unique and beautiful outdoor space.

You can also try porcelain paving if you're tired of battling to keep concrete or stone slabs clean.

Porcelain paving looks just like the real deal but is completely frost and algae resistant, meaning it stays looking clean and new for much longer than natural stone. Check out



# Three Lions on the lawn

### STEP 3: OUTDOOR LOUNGE

It goes without saying that you'll need a screen outdoors to watch the big games. If the weather is fine, then you

can easily just move your house telly outside for each match. You just need to ensure you have a sturdy base for the TV and you can buy an extension aerial from most electrical goods stores or online if your lead isn't long enough. You can also

buy or hire projectors and outdoor screens to recreate match-day atmosphere in your garden. Outdoor sofas and armchairs are a fantastic alternative to boring, brittle plastic chairs of old. They will keep your guests comfy and be a fantastic

addition to your garden for the rest of the summer. You can even get waterproof cushions that don't need bringing inside when it rains - perfect for the British climate. A good brand is Hartman, which has a wide range of items that

might work for your garden. See [www.hartmanuk.com](http://www.hartmanuk.com) for inspiration.

### STEP 4: FINAL TOUCHES

String up lights and lanterns for some extra atmosphere and decorate your space with a few flags or bunting to support your team.

You might want to provide blankets for guests to stay warm in the evening, plus lots of cushions for your outdoor furniture.

A pop-up gazebo is also a good idea in case of rain. Outdoor heating solutions such as fire pits, chimeneas and patio heaters are also perfect as the temperature drops later in the evening. Keep the catering simple and fill large bowls with crisps and snacks or fire up the BBQ for some laid-back hot dogs and burgers served in napkins.

Don't forget to fill a large cooler box with ice to stash all your drinks out on the patio. That'll save you from having to keep popping back indoors and missing that spectacular penalty!

## A chance



**INSPIRING** Ambassador Sophie Lyall

## to win £20k for your community

Cultivation Street 2018, sponsored by Calliope® Flowers, is already bigger and better than ever before.

As part of our community gardening campaign, we're celebrating the garden centre staff who inspire gardeners as Ambassadors. Ambassador of the Year wins £1,000, runner-up wins £500, third gets £300 and 12 others each £100.

Sophie Lyall, 25, who works at Haskins Garden Centre in West End, Southampton, is one of the staff vying for the title. Her centre has been supplying items for nearby Townhill



Infant School for several years and is now signed up to help Bitterne CE Primary too. Sophie said: "I was recently at Bitterne planting lavender and the Calliope geraniums received from Cultivation Street."

"Then last week we dug out a raised planter so the children could grow some runner beans and other vegetables. "We also are planning to paint a little

play house and fence around the garden area. It's great to be able to get the children out into the fresh air and learning new things about gardening.

"They are the future generation of gardeners so it's amazing for them to see how that tiny seed can become something they can eat or admire - because they've looked after it."

If you're involved in a school or community gardening scheme, find details and Ts&Cs at [cultivationstreet.com](http://cultivationstreet.com). Follow Cultivation Street on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

## OFFER of the week

Create a colourful and effective summer patio or bedding display with a mixture from across our range of upright summer bedding plants.

Supplied as UK-grown 3cm module plants, they are a superb way of adding an explosion of colour at a fraction of the usual cost. If you like a surprise in your basket then this really is the mixture for you. The image is for illustration only, varieties may vary.

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## BE INSPIRED



If you go along to one of the Royal Horticultural Society's summer flower shows it will lift your spirits and inspire your own gardening.

The Chatsworth Show runs from Wednesday until Saturday (June 6 to 10) in the grounds of the glorious stately home and gardens near Bakewell in Derbyshire.

There are more than 20 stunning show gardens and scores of exhibitors. For ticket booking and further information visit [www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events](http://www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events).