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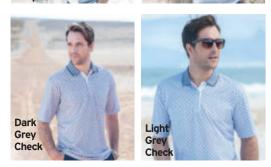
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Potty about having roses for the patio

Are there any roses that I can grow in a container? Jane, via email.

DAVID: There are plenty of rose varieties that'll work on a patio. Ones especially bred to thrive in containers include Rosa Nice Day and Sweet Dream - they love at least half a day of sun for optimum flowering. Groundcover roses and miniature climbers can also be used, but get them potted before April - with a top layer of mulch and a rose feed applied up until August.



How do I keep show going all summer?

>>> How do I persuade my roses to keep flowering for longer? They look so great when they are in bloom. Jenny Taylor, Epsom **DAVID:** Don't forget to feed them well with fertiliser early in the spring - straight after you've given them a good pruning. And then, later in summer, deadhead them thoroughly to encourage further flowers to burst into life. After the first flush of flowers, feed again with some rose fertiliser.

TIP of the week

Use boiling water on young, isolated weeds on a patio or drive to kill them before they get out of hand.

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Time to think outside the gift-box if you want to make your flower arrangements count. Try these nifty ideas to help preserve your precious posies

ig into these splendid tips to make vour beautiful blooms last that bit longer - so they won't end up in the bin before Mother's Day is barely over.

CUT FLOWERS

The trick is to get cut flowers into cold water as quickly as possible.

Some bouquets come with a pouch of flower food, but you can always use two teaspoons of sugar or a dash of flat, full-fat lemonade to the same effect to feed and prolong flowering.

Fill the vase with a small amount of warm water first, as the sugars dissolve more quickly in tepid water. Chop about 1cm off the stems to expose the fresh tissue underneath. so they can freely absorb the water.

Take this opportunity to also trim away any leaves that may end up sitting in the water rotting. Now fill the vase to the top with water.

Finally, pop them on a brightly lit surface for the world to see - but away from direct sunlight.

If you want to stop your water going green, the trick is to add dash of vodka into the mix as this will help prevent algae

Indoor plants are better, you can keep them a while

growth. Watch out for flowers with hollow stems, such as tulips, that begin to flop over – this may be a bubble of air blocking water from reaching the flower head.

Simply push a pin or needle into the stem just under the flower neck to release the air and an hour later the tulip will be standing proudly again.

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water little and often.

water to escape through and, if not,

Find a viewing platform that also

provides some stability by positioning

the pot out of the way of draughts or

Project to

You can boost your cut flowers with soluble aspirin by dissolving one in the water. This also helps to keep moisture moving up the stem.

POTTED PLANTS

Indoor plants are better than cut flowers as you can keep them for a while due to the root systems still being intact.

Azaleas and roses will do well as potted houseplants - and you can give them a boost when in flower with food like Baby Bio or Miracle-Gro.

Your biggest worry is containers that are not free-draining.

Peat and compost can act much like a kitchen roll, sucking up the water until the peat in the soil becomes saturated. The plant then begins to rot – most household plants are killed with kindness by too much water. Double check there's a hole in



any fluctuating temperatures. You can plastic pots, grab a glass vase. In the various needs, the secret is to find a watering, move them to the sink and based on how tolerant it is to shade need exposure to sun, to photosynthetoo - darker leaves generally means it's sise just like their leaves. more capable of surviving a shady spot.

Even sun-lovers, such as cyclamen persicum hybrids, should not be in full A mixed basket has lots of different green root orchids in see-through clear So, because you have to cater for tions. Then, when it's time for

work out where to site your plant wild they grow on trees and their roots generic spot to please them all.

How to make Mother's Day blooms last longer

BEAUTIFUL BASKETS

sun as it can burn delicate foliage. For flower requirements rolled into one.

Chrysanthemums matched with shade-dwelling ferns will like the pierced at the bottom though so they middle of the room, where sunlight is available but not overwhelming.

For this reason, mixed bunches work tremendously well as table decora-

OUTDOOR DISPLAYS Spring is the time for new, colourful growth popping up everywhere.

best to top them up little and often.

So, sit your beautiful blooms where you will see them most. The kitchen is an obvious winner, because nothing cheers up chores like peering out on a bouquet of flowers. But as the weather warms up, think

about bridging the gap between indoor living and outdoor fun by placing your flowers on your patio table.

The display will draw you outside with your breakfast coffee.

For more patio inspiration head to **hartmanuk.com** and dream up ideas for a colourful courtvard.

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I love the idea of hosting movies or watching big sporting events outside - for family and friends.

I found this LG Airblown 123 x 77-inch screen via amazon.co.uk. Prices vary depending on size.



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