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G2857 Acacia Garden Bench

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Q&A



How carefully must I water my cactus?

How often should I be watering my cacti?
Phoebe N, London
DAVID: You only need to water cacti during spring and summer and allow soil to dry out between watering. Feed them monthly in the growing season with cactus fertiliser and mist them occasionally if they start to look shrivelled.



Help me to sniff out the quality climbers

What climbers are best for scent?
Dillis, Powys
DAVID: One of the most highly scented climbers is the evergreen star jasmine, with a long flowering season throughout the summer, right up to autumn. Many honeysuckles have a rich scent and climbing or rambler roses are fragrant too.

TIP of the week

When topping up the water level in your pond, put a spray attachment on your hose to aerate the water and help the pondlife to thrive in hot weather, or try a water feature to keep things moving.

GET IN TOUCH

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For a moveable feast of colours, structures and fragrances, place some pots & hanging baskets around your patio - creating your unique instant Eden

What could be better than a summer selection for that floral WOW factor. There is still time to plant up patios with hanging baskets, window boxes and pots that fit into the space you've got and give that pop of colour.

SIZE MATTERS

The great thing about pots is that you can choose the pot size and plant based on the area it's destined for. And a little goes a long way to transforming the look of your garden or patio.

Plus, you can move them to suit their needs all year for more sun or shade or wind protection if needed.

Suited to a snug site, Salvia x jamensis 'Raspberry Royale' is an aromatic evergreen herb with shows of raspberry-red flowers during summer through to autumn.

It does well in containers due to its Mediterranean origins. Herbaceous sage and rosemary also do well for this reason and you have the added benefit of sensational seasoning to hand.

FREE FLOOR SPACE

There are lots of above-floor container options to maximise space on the floor. Window boxes are particularly effective and there's the added advantage that you get to enjoy the display while looking out the window. For this, you will need to combine plants that have similar requirements.

If your window box is in full sun, summer bedding plants will be quite happy. For shady boxes, go for Begonia 'Hazel's Front Porch' or busy lizzies. Hanging baskets provide a heady greeting for visitors. Choose fragrant flowers to exploit the fact they're at nose height. Striking 'Sunpurple' petunias, 'Moonlight' violas or decorative perargoniums work well, or mix it up and grow strawberries in baskets ready to harvest by late summer. And make your selection based on colour.

Choosing shades from the opposite side of the colour wheel will provide contrast to the display. Deep purples can offset crisp white perfectly, so look to incorporate Nicotiana 'Perfume Deep Purple' next to delicate daisies for a dramatic result.

With pots, you need to spend extra time conditioning soil and checking moisture levels throughout the year.

Start with a general-purpose liquid feed a month or so after planting and continue throughout summer.

But the smaller the container, the quicker it dries out, limiting the soil's resources. So deadheading focuses energy on new growth.



Container yourself

PERFECT PATIO Pots house a huge variety of plants of all shapes and sizes

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POTS AND PLANTERS

Make your way to your local garden centre and you'll be greeted with hundreds of options when it comes

to perennials suited to pots, but I like to choose plants with wildlife in mind.

Mat-forming Lysimachia nummularia (creeping jenny) is a hardy, low-maintenance grower providing year-round nectar sources for wildlife.

Flowering shrubs and trees are great in pots and come spring will decorate

your outdoors with ornamental embellishment. Blueberry trees are decked in delicate flowers and these miniature trees like modestly-sized pots so, for a feature plant, they can work well.

Self-fertile variety 'Tophat' will only grow to two feet or so. Alternatively, Hebe 'Pink Elephant' boasts cream and

pink tinted leaves all year, and white flower spikes during early summer.

WHAT TO EXPECT

It's all about getting the right soil, plant and positioning.

Pick for aspect and you can't go far wrong, because choice plants will suit

your set up. For instance, Scabiosa atropurpurea 'Black Cat' loves full sun and can really work as a striking addition to feature pots but won't do well mixed with ericaceous plants because it prefers an alkaline soil.

Don't forget to consider the exposure of your land, too.

Use dense hedges to keep delicate plants better protected or determine which of your front or back garden is more sheltered so that tender plants can use the house as a wind break.

One idea is to plant up containers based on a preferred habit. Jasmine and clematis are two top climbers and their foliage effortlessly lends decoration to otherwise neglected corners.

Otherwise, a large fixed planter is great long-term addition to your garden - look to something like Passiflora (passionflower) 'Amethyst' - which loves climbing up garden walls, to use the features in your garden to your advantage.

However you pot up plants this year, try something new and it'll put a smile on your face each time you see it.

OFFER of the week

Patio Pot Hydrangea 'Annabelle' is an extraordinary shrub and winner of the RHS Award of Garden Merit, producing huge globes of white flowers in abundance, each reaching 25cm in diameter in autumn. The creamy white flowers will blend to pale lime and finally bright green, while the foliage turns from green to yellow. Plant in patio pots and containers for a stunning display. 9cm pot plants supplied.

Buy one Hydrangea 'Annabelle' for £8.99 or FOUR for £17.98, HALF PRICE. Delivery in 14 days.

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GADGET



READERS often ask me about humane ways to repel next door's cat and stop them killing birds, digging up flower beds and leaving their mess behind. This infra-red activated alarm omits a blast of ultrasonic sound when set off by a passing cat (or fox). Battery-operated, it can be left outside in any conditions and moved as necessary. It is humane and will scare unwanted cats away. I found it via amazon.co.uk for £17.99.

Adapting



GROWING Heavy work at Redwood

spaces to suit all kinds of needs

The Cultivation Street competition awards the best community and school gardens in the UK.

These gardens are created to reflect changes they want to see, so design is an important part of their identity.

A fantastic example is at Redwood Park Academy in Portsmouth, where a team transformed an underused space into a full-time teaching area for five schools in the Solent Academies Trust.

Students who use it have complex learning difficulties, physical disabilities or other additional needs.

Ed Bond, horticulture teacher at Redwood Park Academy, explained:



"The garden boasts a total of 22 raised beds built at various heights.

"This enables them to be workable from the wheelchairs, standers or chairs of young people of all ages."

Sometimes there isn't an obvious solution to a challenge, this is where Ed and his team get creative.

"Where necessary we have adapted tools or developed our own unusual solutions - using giant funnels for filling

pots, drainpipes for planting potatoes. We know that there is always a suitable task for everyone in the garden."

Packed with an abundance of seasonal fruit and veg, this garden perfectly depicts how students can take on a major role in the design, build and maintenance of any green space.

This care and consideration goes miles towards teaching them valuable life skills and positive interaction with nature and living things.

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