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Gardening Club



Pergola is perfect as a special feature

I fancy a pergola - are they worth it? **Bob, email** DAVID: A pergola is an outdoor feature with cross beams to provide shelter over seating areas or an archway over a path. The main function is to provide a structure on which vines can be trained or as a support for a range of climbing plants. They make a lovely, classic garden feature if you have the space, and can provide shelter and a feature for a patio or barbecue area.



How to make grass a green to envy...

Can I make my grass look greener? Ann, via email DAVID: Yes - having healthier grass will help through regular feeding. Apply one lawn feed in spring (which focuses on foliage) and one in autumn (focusing on root stability). Fertiliser that contains iron doesn't actually feed grass (like nitrogen-based feed) but will darken the greenery, making it appear lusher.

TIP of the week

Plants love starch, so keep the water that you cook your pasta in and - as long as it's not salted and is left to cool first - you can use it to water your plants.

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tips on gardening, visit oney.com or follow me on Facebook at @DavidDomoneyTV or on Twitter @daviddomoney

Bring that holiday feeling back home by creating a garden of exotic foliage, vibrant blooms, scented treats... and terracotta pots

eature plants are the golden ticket to a holiday at home. By this. I mean exotic plants. shrubs or even small trees which provide instant impact, a

central feature to catch the eye and perhaps even make a talking point. A mix of year-round tropical plants,

seasonal bedding, Mediterranean marvels and indoor plants you can put out to embellish your patio will keep your garden lush and varied.

CALMING PALMS

Create a spectacular effect with outdoor palms. Cordyline palms have sword-like foliage, much like the tall Riviera palms you see on holiday.

These work as shrubs at knee height, in pots and borders or as taller trunked trees at head height.

Give this palm protection from the weight of snow damage (and low temperatures) by knocking off the snow using a broom.

Those with decorative-coloured oliage should be put in semi-shade so

" Achieve a striking visual effect with a

hardy palm lookalike that the foliage remains as vibrant as

the day you bought it. Trachycarpus palms are hardy and take longer to grow, so they tend to be more expensive to buy - but look amazing.

The hairy trunk is covered in fibres so they're striking to see and reminiscent of being abroad.

water feature and you've got a space fit for ultimate tranquillity.

For something exotic-looking and palm-like, but that isn't a palm, look to Fatsia japonica, which looks tropical but is hardier and has a bushy habit - making it perfect for achieving a striking visual effect.

MED TERRAIN

Sun-baked Mediterranean soils are often blessed with the sights of lavender, rosemary, olive trees and even outstanding cypress trees.

These are hardy in most parts of the UK and suited to gardens of all sizes.

With their columnar upwardgrowing habit, cypress trees are lowmaintenance and help achieve an architectural display to take you back to dreamy vacations away.

Just add in some grit to the soil for these plants to replicate the freedraining soil they're adapted to.

Of course, no Italian terrace would be complete without the familiar warm hue of terracotta pots. Mix in



with pastel purple and blue painted pots too, and you convert tiredlooking features into those which sing of vibrant villas and sunny siestas.

Perfect for pots, jasmine is an abso-Mix in the sound of a trickling lute favourite of mine. You get it all - decorative flowers, creeping growth and that distinctive scent of summer. It will happily climb up walls, pergolas and fences, so if you've got



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any parts of the garden in need of some

Of course, seasonal, annual-flow-

vou covered.

ering plants really set the scene. Picture walking down the narrow after year. back alleyways in the villages of Italy, the South of France or Ibiza and

Getting outside and exploring nature is

great for kids. It not only teaches them

world around them, but it also has

new skills and educates them about the

proven benefits to health and wellbeing.

little ones, vour local garden centre is

the perfect place to start. Centres up

workshops and events for children, as

Hilltop Garden Store, in Chipping

sunflower seeds to children throughout

the summer. It provides each child with

and down the country hold regular

well as having enthusiastic and

Norton, has been offering free

a peat-free biodegradable pot, the

seeds and a leaflet with growing

geraniums, busy lizzies or fuchsias. them on full display. When the sun's plants and spider plants can all free over winter, they'll carry on year bask in their presence.

INSIDE OUT

interest, wonderful jasmine has got These plants never disappoint - their high in the sky and there's little risk of come outside when the risk of any pop of colour will brighten up any heavy rain or high winds, take your cold days are gone. brick wall and if you keep them frost- houseplants out on to the patio and

and natural light and it'll give them aways and destination holidays, you've optimal health to overcome long got to make your garden a place to soaking up the sights of brightly One of the joys of houseplants at this winters indoors. Rubber plants, revel in relaxation. coloured window boxes full of sunny time of year is the freedom to position weeping figs, Aspidistra, Swiss cheese

FINISHING TOUCHES

They'll benefit from the fresh air To truly set the scene for beach get-

You can screen print photos on to weatherproof canvas and then position them on the side of a garden fence or shed as a blissful backdrop.

Blow up beautiful beach scenes, or photos from your favourite family holiday, and it will spark joy every time you take a glance.

During beach breaks away, collect shells and take them home with you to make into a decorative wind chime - it will be a little slice of heaven right there on your doorstep.

Treat yourself to furniture that shouts luxury. Large outdoor sofas are perfect for lazing around during summer and you can get all-weather cushions that can stay out throughout the year without falling to pieces.

Relaxers, dining and grilling sets make all the difference, so make a point to live in your garden in comfort and style, and every day will feel like a holiday. See hartmanuk.com for more.





This solar-powered water feature would make a lovely addition to a sunny patio, border or lawn.

There's something very relaxing about the sound of trickling water, and it provides a spot for birds to drink from too.

I found this model - in painted poly-resin so it's fairly light to move for £99 from primrose.co.uk, but it does need uninhibited sunlight for its solar panel to power it.

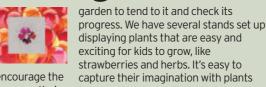


If you want a helping hand in inspiring instructions. All this is to encourage the voundsters to keep a close eve on their

Sales assistant Sarah Bedwell savs: "Sunflowers are a great first plant to grow with children. They're fastknowledgeable staff on hand for advice. growing, so they are engaging for young minds.

They can grow up to 2.5m tall. Turn it into a friendly competition to see who grows the tallest flower. This makes children excited to water their new plant for more information about the and encourages them to pop into the

plant and see how high it will grow.



strawberries and herbs. It's easy to capture their imagination with plants they can touch, smell and taste." If your community or school project

has found inspiring ways to engage kids with gardening, why not tell us about it? Groups from across the UK have

been entering the 2019 competition. sponsored by Calliope®, in the hopes of winning a share of this year's £20.000 prize pot. Winners will be announced in September. Visit cultivationstreet.com Cultivation Street campaign