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Perfect for displaying plants, pots and a variety of other things, this three-tier folding metal plant stand from Garden Grow features a spiral-patterned frame with wire shelving. Constructed from high-quality powder-coated steel for durability, the stand is weatherproof and is perfectly suited for use both indoors and outdoors. This innovative stand requires no assembly and folds flat for easy storage and transportation. When you are ready to use it simply unfold it and either use as a freestanding display stand, or alternatively secure it to a fence. It's perfect for growing your own herb garden, and keeping plants off the ground away from any pests. Overall size when open: W56.5 x D30 x H98cm. The planters pictured are available separately.

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WALL MOUNTED CLOCK WITH METAL STAG
Now £19.99 plus £3.95 p&p
Never lose track of time again with this elegant garden wall clock. It features a stag perched on top, an attractive spiral-patterned bracket and a bell hanging from the bottom. The clock displays an easy-to-read, Roman numeral face with black time hands on the front and back. It also acts as a weather station allowing you to check the temperature in Celsius and Fahrenheit. Simply mount to your preferred wall or fence using the sturdy built in mount (screws not supplied), and watch time pass while you are enjoying long lazy days in the garden. Constructed from powder-coated steel for durability, this clock makes a beautiful, elegant addition to any garden or conservatory. Dimensions: L28.2 x W8.5 x H53.5cm. Weight: 0.89kg. 1x 1.5V AA required (not included).

G4121 Clock With Metal stag

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Q&A



Wondering about my wisteria plants

How often should I be pruning my wisteria?
Via email
Be sure to give it a trim regularly, to keep any new growth in check. This will also encourage flowering twice a year - once in summer and once in winter. Mostly, you just need to cut back the young whippy growth and give it a tidy up when dormant, but some older plants might need a bit more of the spent growth removed.



Any tips for getting a lush green lawn?

When is the best time to re-lay the lawn with fresh grass seed?
Via email
Early autumn or late spring is the best time for this job, when the soil is warm, there's plenty of moisture and the weather isn't too hot or cold. Get rid of the thatch and moss using a scarifier, which opens up the lawn surface for new seeds. Once seeded, you must wait for the seeds to germinate before mowing.

TIP of the week

Use a dry paintbrush to sweep any dust from hairy-leaved houseplants, such as African violets. This will allow them to access more sunlight.

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Forget uninspiring walls and fences - an all-natural boundary will help to protect you from pollution and encourage birds into your garden

As a garden feature, hedging really does have it all. Here I share the reasons why all gardens should have beautiful, bountiful hedgerows.

Boundary benefits

When compared with walls and fences, hedging wins hands down. Not only does it make a cheap, attractive boundary but it's easy to plant and provides a structure that is perfect for wildlife and nesting birds. In urban areas, hedging is handy for cutting down on noise pollution as well as actual pollution because the plant will naturally filter the air. And, unlike other boundary structures, hedges do not need maintaining year after year. They're long-lasting and about as natural as it gets. Yet they can offer the same level of privacy and serenity that you and your garden need.

Prune for purpose

For hedges that are already in place, pruning is a must. You should trim new evergreen hedges in spring as soon as the risk of frost has passed, otherwise you may damage

Hedging can provide a great food source for garden wildlife

any new shoots. Deciduous growth is best pruned in winter, while dormant, and established hedges should be pruned annually to look their best.

Preserving a well-pruned hedge will help to keep the growth healthy, vigorous and dense. Plant feed will also boost the nutrient intake.

Dense as a fence

Certain hedge plant varieties naturally grow dense foliage to give the best coverage.

Yew is a fantastic choice for a formal dense hedge, but it is slow-growing and expensive.

However, another evergreen is Portuguese laurel. The variety 'Variegata' has white-margined leaves to add some garden interest.

Though evergreens offer the most for privacy year-round, deciduous hedges can also look great and help to filter wind in the winter.

Go for something like a beech hedge which, over the winter months, holds on to its brown leaves and looks really striking. Privet, beech and hornbeam hedging are also garden staples. These top sellers remain popular



FUTURE IS ORANGE Darwin's barberry



COLOURFUL Rosa Rugosa Rubra



BOX CLEVER Create interest with boxed hedging

because they're easy to care for and just do the job well. Due to its height, pleached hornbeam is particularly useful for gaining privacy in large gardens, but you also have the convenience of being able to see below them, so you don't lose any space. These are a brilliant addition to suburban gardens.

Hedge hugs



HIGH HOPES Garden with pleached hornbeam hedging

Flowering favourites

Rosa Rugosa is a fast-growing hedging plant that forms a dense barrier, making it perfect for informal gardens and seaside locations.

Variety 'Rubra' also has fragrant magenta blooms that will flower throughout summer and into autumn. Or you might decide to go for something that offers more than delightful decoration.

Escallonia rubra 'Crimson Spire' has deep crimson flowers during the summer and autumn. It is also a great nectar source for pollinators like bees

and butterflies. Berberis darwinii (Darwin's barberry) not only gives floral satisfaction when used for garden hedging but has spiny-toothed leaves that will appeal to birds looking for protected nesting sites. It even produces fruit.

Nature intended

Hedging has the opportunity to provide a great food source for garden wildlife. Many of them bear berries across the year, much to the delight of garden birds. One of the biggest benefits of something like Pyracantha 'Orange

Glow' is that you get garden decoration, shelter for wildlife, beautiful orange berries for food sources and, because it has spiny branches, it also delivers great garden security too.

Planting an all-rounder like this gives your garden so much for so little. Historically, hawthorn hedging has given us many of our field boundaries and made the perfect habitat for wildlife.

It's dense and has a thicket of thorns, which makes pruning tricky, but gives great roosting opportunities for the birds in your garden.

Trim 'n' trained

At the other end of the spectrum, you might have a garden which prefers a more manicured look - and for this, clipped box works a dream.

Traditionally used for formal garden topiary, this plant is really useful for hedges that are situated in shady parts of a plot.

Be aware, however, that you will need to prune this two or three times during growing season.

With the spread of box blight and box tree caterpillar, many people have focused on finding alternative

evergreen plants for formal plantings. Leyland cypress, or leylandii, is the fastest-growing variety by far and will give you quick results.

But be warned - this coniferous plant will need regular trimming to keep it under control.

If left to its own devices, it can grow up to 30m tall.

Whatever plot you've got, though, there's a hedge to give it the edge.

Start planning your hedging endeavours for the year ahead now and you'll enjoy a private, plentiful and splendid garden hereafter.

Innovative project helps pupils live life on the veg



VEG OUT Surrey Square pupils plant seeds

Even after eight years, Cultivation Street is still unearthing new and exciting gardening projects.

Edible Rotherhithe runs a free twice-weekly club for the pupils of Surrey Square Primary School where they grow food and plan lessons around them.

Currently the members are working to create an edible green wall and make a large composting bin for the whole

school to use. The club has also started a scheme called Veg on the Ledge, which helps pupils plant up seeds to grow on their windowsills at home.

Christine Wheatley, volunteer project manager, said: "During carrot week, a parent fed back that he had spent the evening making carrot and coriander soup with his child - something

they had never done before. This shows the club bringing new interest in growing food and healthy eating into our homes."

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GADGET of the week

If you've got time on your hands - and let's face it, most of us do - why not try making your own fully compostable seed pots? This simple gadget allows you to recycle your Sunday Mirror (once everyone's read it, of course) into 3in pots. I found it for £10.57 on Amazon. If you don't want a home delivery, you could try rolling some yourself - but I can't guarantee results!

