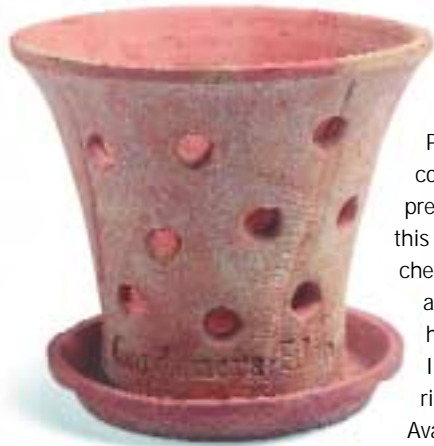


GIFTS FOR THE GARDENER



Orchid Cachepot

Provide a beautiful and comfortable home for that precious holiday orchid with this terra cotta pot. A Swiss-cheese pattern lets air circulate around roots to promote healthy, vigorous growth. Includes a saucer and inside riser to support smaller pots.

Available for \$16 from Gardener's Eden. (800) 822-9600. www.gardenerseden.com



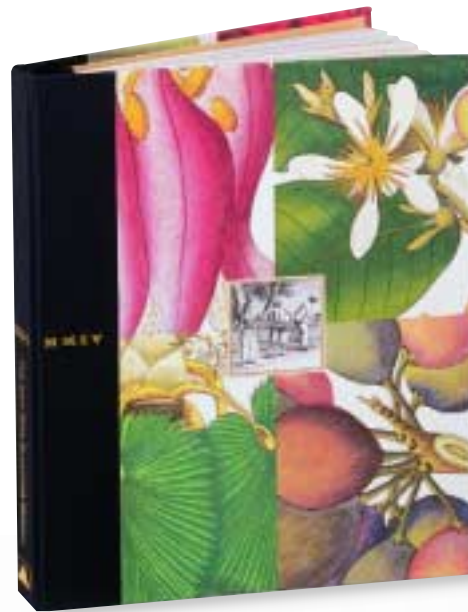
Gardener's Kit Gift Box

Sun, wind, and soil take their toll on a gardener's skin. This always timely gift set will help you save hands and face. The reusable cedar box contains soap and lotion (available in a variety of botanical scents), lavender-scented sunscreen, and a pair of gloves. Retail at \$29.95 at garden centers or contact Garden Works at (425) 455-0568. www.createagarden.com.



Comfort Grip Hose Nozzle

Say good-bye to trigger-type garden hose nozzles that require you to squeeze and strain your hands. This nozzle operates with a touch button—just press to turn on or off. It also features a 2-inch-wide 8-inch-long handle for easy gripping and offers five spray pattern options. Available for \$9.99 from Wellhaven. (888) 564-1500. www.wellhaven.com.



Engagement Calendar

Let the flowers of India inspire you as you plan your days with this 7-by-8-inch hardcover engagement calendar. It features 60 full-color floral illustrations by 18th-century Indian artists. Priced at \$18.95, the purchase of the calendar also helps support the New York Botanical Garden. (718) 817-8700. www.nybg.org.



American Horticultural Society Membership

Don't worry about size, color, or giftwrapping—give a gift membership to the American Horticultural Society. At only \$35, a one-year membership includes six issues of *The American Gardener*, free and discounted admission to public gardens and flower shows across the country, and much more! (800) 777-7931. www.ahs.org.



Bionic Garden Gloves

Aching, battered hands can take the joy out of gardening. Protect them with these washable leather gloves, developed by a hand surgeon. Anatomic pads reduce fatigue and calluses, interfinger web zones control moisture buildup, and a snug wrist closure provides support. A pair sells for \$39.99 from Bionic Gloves. www.bionicgloves.com.



Bypass Lopper

Why work harder than you have to? These loppers from Fiskars have gears to reduce cutting effort and will cut branches up to 1½ inches in diameter; the Nyglass handles are durable yet light, to reduce arm fatigue. Available at Lowe's and independent retailers for \$32.95. Call (800) 500-4849 for location of a store near you. www.fiskars.com.

Floral Playing Cards

A perfect stocking stuffer for the housebound gardener who waits all winter for the return of spring. Each deck of cards features 54 flowers with their corresponding Victorian sentiments. One deck retails at \$5.95. A double deck set featuring trees and wildflowers retails for \$9.50.

Lee Valley Garden Tools.
(800) 871-8158.
www.leevalley.com.



Dial Thermometer

Keeping current on the temperature outdoors can be done in style with this solid brass dial thermometer. A swing arm allows the dial to be mounted on a wall. Readings are rendered in both Celsius and Fahrenheit. A 4-inch-diameter dial sells for \$39.95; an 8-inch dial for \$79.95. Gardener's Supply Company. (800) 427-3363. www.gardeners.com.