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Beige **Blue**

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This casual slip on has a double sided elastic side gore for no fuss easy on/off access. A canvas upper provides the right amount of comfort and breathability to get your feet through the warmer months. A durable flat PU sole completes the look and this winning Dr Keller style is available in two seasonal colours blue and beige.

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Q&A

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

Dig into these splendid tips to make your 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 a dash of vodka into the mix as this will help prevent algae

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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. 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



NEEDLE TRICK Make tulip last longer by making a hole in stem



INSIDE GLORY Azalea plant will last longer than flower bouquet

the base for the excess water to escape through and, if not, water little and often. Find a viewing platform that also provides some stability by positioning the pot out of the way of draughts or

Project to



It's been just a month since Cultivation Street 2019 launched and we've already heard from inspirational community gardens all over the UK. Projects have been sharing the benefits that gardening provides to their health and wellbeing and the pleasure of working as a team. A fitting example is our Wales & Northern Ireland regional winner from last year, Tenby Day Centre in Pembrokeshire. Based in the Tenby Cottage Hospital, the centre provides gardening as a therapy for elderly people suffering depression, dementia and loneliness. Open to everyone who uses or works in the hospital and day centre, the



Staying flower

How to make Mother's Day blooms last longer

any fluctuating temperatures. You can work out where to site your plant based on how tolerant it is to shade too - darker leaves generally means it's more capable of surviving a shady spot. Even sun-lovers, such as cyclamen persicum hybrids, should not be in full sun as it can burn delicate foliage. For green root orchids in see-through clear plastic pots, grab a glass vase. In the wild they grow on trees and their roots need exposure to sun, to photosynthesise just like their leaves.

BEAUTIFUL BASKETS

A mixed basket has lots of different flower requirements rolled into one. So, because you have to cater for

various needs, the secret is to find a generic spot to please them all. Chrysanthemums matched with shade-dwelling ferns will like the middle of the room, where sunlight is available but not overwhelming. For this reason, mixed bunches work tremendously well as table decorations. Then, when it's time for

watering, move them to the sink and give them a good dousing. Make sure to check that the plastic lining is pierced at the bottom though so they can drain free of water and then it's best to top them up little and often.

OUTDOOR DISPLAYS

Spring is the time for new, colourful growth popping up everywhere. 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 courtyard. You might find Mother's Day inspires a new-found courage to take on more gardening goals - you'll find more free helpful hints and tips on my website, daviddomoney.com.

OFFER of the week

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GADGET



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