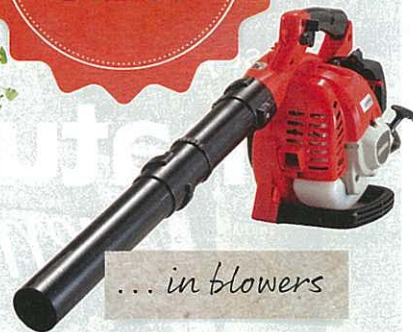


WHAT'S NEW



... in blowers

Your garden maintenance will be a breeze with a light (3.4kg) Shindaiwa EB221S blower, designed to cut down on user fatigue. It comes with a heavy-duty air cleaner to reduce downtime through blockages. It features soft-starter function, ergonomic handle and cruise-control throttle and sells for \$389. Go to allpower.com.au.



... in faux plants

If you're keen to bring natural beauty indoors, but don't want the maintenance, consider this frame of assorted artificial succulents in small, hanging terrarium-style pendants. By Rogue, it's \$169.95 from Albi. Find stockists at roguehome.com.au.



... in floating ornaments

Inject a little quirkiness into your water features with distinctive floating porcelain balls. Coming in a variety of patterns and sizes (10cm from \$11; 7.5cm, \$9 and 6cm, \$7), they're sure to be conversation pieces. For stockists, phone Alfresco Gardenware on (03) 9822 1919.



... IN HERB PLANTERS

Keep store-bought herbs at their freshest with a biodegradable and contemporary-look herb pot planter. Simply pour water into the planter's saucer to keep herbs growing happily. The RIG TIG by Stelton is \$23.90 from the Design Gift Shop, thedesigngiftshop.com.



... IN CHAIRS

Celebrate spring in funky style with a natural rattan Ibiza Party Chair. Coming in several colours, use it on your patio. The chair measures 90cm high by 86cm wide and comes with a stylish black cushion. It's \$390 from Fenton & Fenton, fentonandfenton.com.au.



... at the nursery

After a colourful hedge? Check out the easy-growing and super-colourful Coprosma 'Pacific Sunset'. An evergreen, it's at its head-turning best in spring and autumn with wave-shaped, vivid red-centred leaves with chocolate brown margins – yet it is nearly as flash in other seasons. It looks best when mass planted, stands up well in coastal gardens, copes with cold and prefers well-drained soil. Densely foliated, as a hedge it can be clipped tight or allowed to form a series of rounded mounds. It's released by Anthony Tesselaar International under various labels. See tesselaar.com.



FULL SUN



PART SHADE



HEIGHT 1M



WIDTH 1M



FERTILISE IN SPRING



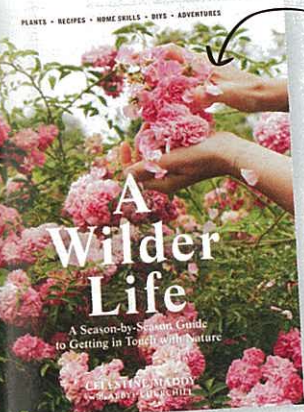
SUITS POTS



ALL ZONES

... IN PRINT

For those who want to get back in touch with nature, *A Wilder Life* by Celestine Maddy (Workman/Hardie Grant, \$49.99) is not all gardening. It has inspiration for encouraging butterflies, growing vegetables out of season and making your own natural hair shampoo. Here's gardening, cooking, self-reliance, wilderness walks and health and beauty, all in an easy-to-read format. Visit hardiegrant.com.au.



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