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The cordless design of this impressive 20V tool gives you complete freedom and eliminates potentially dangerous wires. Chop down overgrown shrubbery and prune bushes quickly and efficiently, thanks to the lithium-ion 20V battery, which charges in under four hours. It comes with two wood-cutting blades and one metal-cutting blade, all measuring 152mm. The wood-cutting blades will power through branches up to 80mm in diameter and the metal-cutting blade will cut through up to 10mm.

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G3678 20V Pruning Saw



WOODEN COLD FRAME

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Extend the growing season and keep your plants protected from harsh weather conditions with this wooden cold frame from Garden Grow. Cold frames are great for protecting young seedlings, vegetables or flower beds from adverse weather, primarily the cold and wet. The transparent roof allows sunlight to penetrate without the risk of heat escaping. This cold frame is constructed using strong and durable fir wood with polycarbonate panels. It features a hinged lid to make accessing your plants hassle free, so you can tend to them easily. This attractive cold frame measures L90 x W48 x H49.5cm and will make a great addition to any garden. Self-assembly required.

G2164 Wooden Cold Frame

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Q&A



Warmer wormery winter wonderland

How can I care for my wormery over winter?

Bronwen, Kenilworth, Warks DAVID: The key is to keep the wormery dry and warm. If the weather turns wet, move it out of the rain under cover, perhaps into a shed or greenhouse. The worms need to stay warm during winter, so you could use some bubble wrap or old carpet to keep them cosy. This will boost their activity too.



Spot the difference with treated roses

My rose plant has yellowing leaves and black spots. What's wrong? **Derrek, East Grinstead, Sussex DAVID:** Roses can be susceptible to fungal diseases such as rust and black spot. Prevent this by spraying on a regular basis - try Roseclear by Miracle-gro. Prune out infected growth and collect fallen leaves to reduce resting spores in winter. Pop them into your green wheelie bin to prevent spread.

TIP of the week

The Oncidium 'Sharry Baby' orchid has the wonderful aroma of chocolate, which is perfect for the festive season when it comes.

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Plants are such a big part of Christmas, whether it's a holly wreath on the door or mistletoe at the office party. And they make great gifts too

Deck the halls - and kitchens and bathrooms - for real Christmas cheer. Houseplants will bring colour and joy into our homes this festive season, plus they make thoughtful presents. Shops and garden centres are stocking up already, so here are my indoor magnificent seven.

POINSETTIA

The poinsettia is synonymous with Christmas. Originating from Mexico, it's named after US politician Joel Roberts Poinsett, who was wowed by its blazing display so brought samples back to his greenhouse.

It's now found its heart in our homes throughout the festive period. The bracts are red - the little yellow centres are actually the flowers.

You can buy them in an array of colours - white, pinks and even multicoloured too.

As they're a bit sensitive to the cold, if you are getting one from a garden centre, make sure you wrap it up in a protective sleeve while you carry it to your car.

Never leave it on a draughty windowsill or above a radiator. The

They will greet you with some colour as you get back home

perfect spot is key to keeping them alive over Christmas.

They're great kitchen and bathroom plants, where humidity is quite high and rooms typically remain warm.

CYCLAMEN

These have beautiful marbled silver and green foliage with erect, almost flag-like, swept-back flowers.

Cyclamens give a whole amount of colour and seasonal lift. Buy them in purples, pinks and warming reds in either indoor or outdoor varieties.

Tell them apart in garden centres - if they're in the home section, they are best suited to indoor conditions. Those outdoors are hardier.

Cyclamens have played a great part on windowsills in many homes.

You can buy small ones in 9cm pots, or larger 13cm ones that are easier to care for as they're less likely to dry out.

Outdoor tubs bursting with cyclamens are equally as charming, greeting you with a little colour by the front door as you get home.

CHRISTMAS CACTUS

These are a little bit different from the normal spiky ones we know.

There are two types out there -



AT HOME Cyclamen



PARTY REDDY Christmas cherry



THIRSTY Azalea

desert cactus and forest cactus, which have a tendency to grow in more humid climates.

There are few plants that can give such vibrant colour of flower. They can really cheer up rooms.

And it is one of the longest-lasting plants you can get your hands on.

Place them in a cool area in a porch or conservatory and it will keep on

Switch on



SHOOT TO THRILL Paperwhites

Let it grow, let it grow, let it grow, let it grow

GET SET Poinsettia



growing, year in, year out. And those flowers become more prolific.

SOLANUM (WINTER CHERRY)

This isn't actually a cherry at all but has perfect, marble-sized bright orange berries. They are not edible but they are extremely ornamental.

Place them where kids or pets can't

get hold of them. They work particularly well in basket arrangements decorated with tinsel and holly.

They don't last too long, but berries do bring a blast of Christmas, somewhat akin to Rudolph's red nose.

AZALEA

Usually these are grown as houseplants as they are out of season

in the garden but they give colour indoors to great effect now.

They can be forced into flower for Mother's Day but the red varieties look special for Christmas.

They are marvellous plants but extremely thirsty.

It is a good idea to leave them in a saucer of water - they are so fibrous in the root system, they need a regular



GO BOLD Amaryllis



GOOD POINT Chery cactus

OFFER of the week

Our fantastic mix of prepared Hyacinth bulbs offer a wide range of colours for planting indoors to brighten up the cold winter months.

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GADGET



If you have a larger veg plot, huge allotment or simply a patch that hasn't been dug for a very long time, it might be worth hiring or buying a petrol-powered tilling machine.

They don't come cheap, though. This Honda FG110 23cm petrol tiller costs £389 but it will make short work of borders, beds and other areas that need turning for winter.

It's lightweight and simple to use, plus it folds up for easy storage and transport. I found this model on gardenmachinesitd.co.uk

colour with the brightest bulbs

Growing bulbs gives kids something to do indoors other than stare at screens. If you start now, they will be bursting with colour over Christmas and beyond.

There are three in particular that are great to grow inside:

Amaryllis

These are one of the most spectacular bulbs you can get and can be up to the width of a cereal bowl in size.

It produces one long stem with trumpet-like flowers in a variety of colours, stripes and patterns. They're easily planted - many can be bought



with the container and compost. It is so quick to develop, you can almost see it grow - and the kids will love it.

Hyacinths

Buy specially prepared hyacinths and varieties such as 'Anna Marie' will be ready to flower in eight weeks, with blooms as you head into the New Year.

Grow them in a hyacinth glass, which is almost like an hourglass but the bulb

sits in the globe at the top and roots grow down to the water below.

Paperwhites

These are a narcissus that can flower comfortably indoors. Plant in a low bowl with compost in and they will send up shoots to create beautiful white flowers and they have a sweet fragrance too.

Illumination Street, the brilliant new gardening competition for Christmas, sponsored by Safestyle UK, is inspiring people of all ages to engage in gardening over winter. See illuminationstreet.com for categories.