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G2164 Cold Frame



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D9146 Thermal Tap Jacket

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Q&A



Pools of light give your pond life a lift

Can I have lights in my pond? **Bill, via email**
DAVID: You can buy special aquatic lights that sit at the bottom of a pond and cast their light upwards, which can look really striking. The light can be white or coloured and will give you a view of the pond life as the evenings draw in. Visit your local garden centre for advice on the best product for you, and how to install them.



Mind the gap? Pack out bare borders

I have gaps in my borders. What's a good plant to fill them at this time of year?
Heather, Swansea
DAVID: Winter-flowering plants such as hellebores, heathers or fantastically fragrant *Sarcococca* (sweet box) are an ideal instant fix. And it's still a great time to plant bulbs like snowdrops - also available fully flowering in pots - and any other spring bulbs that need their roots established to give a splash of post-winter splendour.

TIP of the week

Encourage worms by laying mulch over the soil. Vital for growing great veg, worms can eat their own weight in soil in one day - enriching it in the process. Most live in the top 12 inches of the soil, so there's no need to dig nutrients in deep to help nourish them.

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Don't let the cold keep you from enjoying the thrill of home-grown food. It's time to get your gourmet kitchen kicks by cultivating your veg on a ledge

There is an idea sometimes that once the weather gets cold, gardening for food stops. But that doesn't have to be the case... there are many things to eat that you can grow indoors in winter. A lot of it is great fun - and picking fresh food from your own kitchen windowsill is a real privilege. There are plenty of really good plants you can grow inside all year round that can produce crops for you, even at this time of year. With windowsill crops becoming ever more popular, here are my favourite six:

CRESS

For starters, try cress. You can germinate cress seeds on a bit of damp kitchen roll placed on a saucer, with the seeds literally sprinkled on top. The germination time is pretty quick (just a few days) but you also get three kicks - it's great fun preparing and sowing the seeds, you get the excitement of watching them germinate, and you get to harvest them to have with freshly scrambled egg. Sprinkle with a dash of salt and cracked pepper, spoon it on to some

crusty bread, then scatter some fresh crunchy cress on top. Perfection!

If you sow more seeds every two weeks, you'll have a continuous supply. Take your cuttings when the seedlings reach 5cm tall.

BASIL

This is perfect for using in most soups, salads and sandwiches to get that Italian taste to your food. You can buy small basil plants from garden centres then just sit them as a permanent container on your kitchen windowsill - or if you prefer, you can sow basil seeds direct.

The secret with growing indoors is that you want to crop your plants on a regular basis.

The heat in the room tends to draw them up so they grow a bit leggy. So aim to crop and use them regularly to let the plant re-sprout.

Of course, any plants in containers that you're cropping regularly need a little bit of feed.

Miracle-Gro is great for that - you can water it down in recycled plastic bottles and just reuse these as little watering containers.

By regularly feeding, you give the plant the energy to grow more foliage.

ON THE BUTTON Mushrooms are great crop



DRESS UP Time to pass the parsley



MUNG BEANS

Similar to cress, mung beans, often referred to as beansprouts, can grow almost anywhere - and they're an increasingly popular component of superfood dishes.

These legumes are perfect to grow at home as they are quick and easy.

But they are also hugely nutritious, which is why they get tagged as a superfood. Soak your seeds for eight

Dig in the



SHALLOT OR NOT Give onions a go

The great indoors



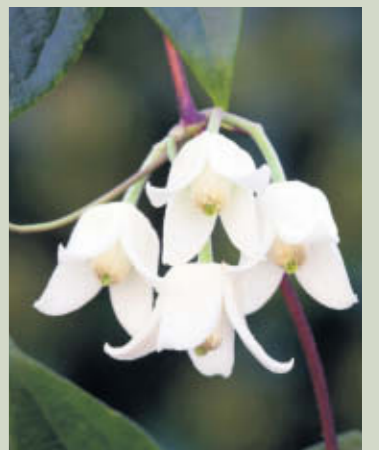
SIMPLY THE CRESS Easy to grow and adds extra bite



MED FOR IT Basil gives taste of Italy

OFFER of the week

Winter Beauty is a fantastic Clematis that produces dainty white bell-shaped flowers. They bring gorgeous life to your winter garden in December through to February, as well as luxury evergreen foliage all year round. Height 4m, 7cm pot plants supplied. Buy **ONE** Clematis Winter Beauty for **£11.99** or order **TWO** for **£19.98** and save £4. Delivery within 14 days. To order by debit/credit card call **0843 922 5000** quoting **SMTG083** or send a cheque (using blue or back ink), made payable to 'Garden Offers' to: Mirror Clematis Winter Beauty Offer (SMTG083), PO Box 64, South West District Office, Manchester, M16 9HY or visit mirrorgardenoffers.co.uk



GADGET



This powerful Bosch garden shredder is ideal for making leaf mulch out of autumn windfall. It'll whizz through green garden material and smaller twigs, creating ready-made mulch for the compost heap or flower beds. It's currently **£142.99** on amazon.co.uk

hours before sowing and place them on to the cloth, jar or seed sprouter. My top tip is to put a weight on top of the seeds while they grow - the sprouts will grow thicker and be crunchier because of the pressure.

veg and make your garden glow

When it comes to overwintering vegetables, there are a lot of outdoor crops you can plant in readiness for nutritious harvests next year. Both onions and garlic are perfect, and virtually look after themselves - garden centres sell them prepacked, and there are many different types. White onions, red onions and shallots will grow happily through the winter. Likewise with garlic - so many different flavours, from strong to mild cloves, you can buy to plant. Garden centres are also selling pre-grown plant



varieties, such as perpetual spinach, that can go in borders and you can continually crop throughout the year. Robust varieties such as winter kale and broad beans can be established now for an abundance next year. These dark leafy vegetables also happen to be choc-full of goodness. The high yields will grace your dinner plates with vitamins A, E and K, as well

as minerals such as magnesium and iron. Some thrive in containers for flexibility in where you place them - useful in bad weather. Smaller pots are affected by cold and need frost protection. To give your garden a real winter lift, why not check out Illumination Street, sponsored by Safestyle UK. This national Christmas campaign encourages you to illuminate your outdoor spaces - and even offers cash prizes. Visit illuminationstreet.com or search #illuminationSt to learn more.

SPEDDY SALAD

Another easy-grower is speedy salads. Many of the lettuces you might grow outside earlier in the year also work really nicely when grown indoors. You're not looking for these plants to get old, just to produce a lot of young fresh foliage that you can clip off and

use in salads and sandwiches. I usually have a large pot in a light porch by the back door when it's not too hot. When the foliage has matured, crop them and re-water to get another flush of leaves before the plant tires out. Then use the remaining seeds in the packet to replant. You get hundreds of little seedlings in there so you can just keep going and growing.

MUSHROOMS

There are many different mushroom kits - you can get them from most garden centres or online and, with Christmas around the corner, these little kits are really something. They often come with the mushroom compost and pre-spawned substrate, and you just situate them in a dark room or cupboard. Once they're ready, you can pick your own fresh button mushrooms for a Christmas Day fry-up. It's not just the goodness of growing your own or that it saves money - filling your kitchen with greenery gives it a real living sense as the main source of sustenance and nutrition for yourself and your family.