# homehardware

## Planting a Hanging Basket

There are lots of different ways to plant a hanging basket and different people have their own preferences. Some like to use tradition moss to line the basket, others a prefabricated liner. You can even use a bin bag as a cheaper alternative. Just remember to place a hole in the bottom of it to allow for drainage.

At Brundall Home Hardware we make up a selection of baskets for customers to purchase, as well as filling customers own hanging baskets on their behalf.

I usually use a natural rattan basket which comes with a plastic liner. I make a hole in the bottom for drainage and then fill with Durstons Multipurpose Compost. To this I add a little water retaining gel and slow release fertiliser. This helps to retain moisture between watering and feeds the basket over 6-8 weeks. This will ensure that you have a bountiful display of flowers.

I prefer not to use trailing lobelia, which is a traditional hanging basket plant. This tends to have a short flowering season and will leave your baskets looking tired earlier in the Summer.

In my baskets, I add a central taller plant in the middle of the basket, this is usually a trailing fuchsia. This gives the basket a little height without being too high. Around the edges of the basket I will then plant a mixture of other basket plants including trailing May 2019 Newsletter



Petunias, Geraniums, Million Bells, and Bacopa to name but a few. I also like to use a free flowing foliage plant called Nepeta which gives the basket a real dramatic affect.

I plant my baskets in early May and have these ready for sale towards the end of the month. During this time they will have made up considerable volume and will be just ready to give a beautiful display in your garden.

Also find in store hanging basket brackets, baskets, slow release fertiliser and water gel.

## **Garden Watering Products**

We regularly spend time with customers assisting with various enquiries concerning watering in the garden. Namely how to fit a hose pipe together.

If you have an outside tap helping to solve some of your watering problems is very easy. Most outside taps have a 3/4" screw thread and we sell a simple adapter which screws onto the tap. To this we sell a female connector which attaches to your hose. This adapter facilitates easy attachment of the hose to the tap. So far so good. At the other end of the hose we simply place another female connector and into this you are able to attach a wide range of interchangeable spray heads and guns for just about every watering job around the garden.

In fact to make life even easier we can supply complete kits which contain everything you need.

Life gets a little more complicated if you do not have an outside tap. Modern kitchen and bathroom taps make it quite difficult to attach a hose pipe. Years ago this was quite easy as you simply pushed a rubber attachment onto the tap and connected your hose pipe. Those clever designers have come up with some solutions but they may not work for your particular taps. The other area of difficulty are those expanding hoses you find in catalogues and on TV channels. They work but are very difficult to attach to standard hose fittings. I have been able to make some modifications to these hoses to get them to work but it does seem to somewhat defeat the object of buying them.



In the garden centre
we also stock a new
range of pressure
sprayers. In recent
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companies have
had difficulty with
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these perishing due
to customers using
the pressure

sprayer to spray certain chemicals or fence paints. The good news is that the range of products from Faithfull now contain new types of seals which means that your sprayer will work for much longer and will tolerate a greater range of products being used in them.

#### **Padlocks**

We are frequently asked if we sell padlocks! The answer is a resounding YES. If we didn't it would be like a chip shop not selling chips.



On a serious note we do stock a wide range of padlocks for most applications. From a simple padlock for a suitcase right through to heavy duty locks suitable for securing high value items such as motorbikes or boat engines.

Some of our padlocks are designed specifically for marine applications.

Generally speaking most padlocks are purchased for home security. Very often to secure a shed or garage. Do think about the overall aspect of your security. It is pointless buying a really heavy duty padlock to secure a shed door when in reality a thief could simply unscrew the hinges.

Our staff will be happy to show you our range of padlocks and help you select the right one for your application.



# Insect Control

We stock a range of insect and pest control products creatively named INSECTO. This is manufactured by a company who create products for the professional pest control market and INSECTO is a powerful range designed for amateur use. That means you and I. Whilst you may not have heard of this range it is very powerful and more effective than many leading brands. For example with the insect powder you use less product than many other competitor offerings. **This saves you money!!!** We have received positive feedback from our customers who have used this range over the past couple of years and we remain confident that we can offer you right solution to control insect infestations. Another advantage is that one solution will treat many different types of insect problems, sounds like a another money saving reason to use this product range.



Did you know that you can help the environment by recycling your old domestic batteries in store? Just look out for our collection bucket.



### **May Quote**

May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive. Fennel Hudson

### Locally Grown Plants Available in Store



## **Dates for your Diary**

We will be closed on both May Bank Holidays.

#### Advanced Notice.

The shop will be closed on Saturday 29th June 2019 for Andrew's Ordination service at Norwich Cathedral at 10.30am.

All welcome.

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We apologise for any inconvenience that this closure may cause.



#### **Dogs Welcome**

We are very happy to welcome well behaved dogs into the shop. It seems only fair when we sell such an array of products for some of our best friends. In fact when your dog come in store they will be offered a biscuit from our range of dog treats.

Local dogs seem to know that there is a little treat in store as we very often see owners being dragged through the door.

During the summer months we put a water bowl outside so you can be assured that your dog has some liquid refreshment whilst on their walk.

You may remember Holly and William who were regular visitors to the shop until they moved away? They always seemed pleased to make a visit.





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Free local delivery on purchases over £15.

Subject to availability of delivery driver and weather conditions.

