

Holiday gifts for gardeners

The holidays are here—and so are the busiest shopping days of the year!

Selecting the right gift can be a challenge sometimes. It's nice to know that many of our friends enjoy gardening. Here are a few gift ideas to consider:

Let's start with a beautiful flowering houseplant. The delicate, glistening blooms of a Christmas cactus makes it a special gift. Poinsettia, azalea, and cyclamen also have dazzling blooms.

An orchid would be a very special flower gift. Its blooms will outlast all of the traditional holiday plants.

Foliage houseplants make a nice gift that can provide for years of pleasure. Put the plant in a colorful ceramic pot to add a special touch. Give them a Norfolk Island pine (which looks like a tiny Christmas tree) and decorate it with gift ornaments. Maybe add a set of automatic watering globes—they even look like Christmas ornaments!

Anybody can grow an amaryllis bulb. In six weeks, your friend



will be amazed at the beauty of the blooms!

A dried flower arrangement is another colorful gift idea that provides long-lasting beauty.

It's hard to wrap a shade tree, but you can wrap a framed photo of a tree and have it delivered it in spring. Your friend will think of you for years to come!

Good pruning tools are always appreciated. Also, a new shovel, quality hoe, spading fork, wheelbarrow, or garden cart will be useful around the home.

If you are on a smaller budget, consider giving some accessories such as a pocket knife, pair of gloves, watering can, watering wand, or a kneeling pad.


For the gardener who enjoys reading, there is a wide selection of books available on gardening. Give a subscription to a gardening magazine and they will remember you all year.

An air or soil thermometer, rain gauge, or pH meter can provide valuable information to a gardener.

For the gardener who seems to have everything, wind chimes or a garden fountain can add the dimension of sound to a landscape.

A playful gnome or other sculpture can add a personal element to a garden.

In the kitchen, a sprout maker, sauce strainer, or salad spinner would be appreciated.

These are just a few ideas. You can find many more ideas in seed catalogs, gift catalogs, or online. Enjoy shopping and have a happy holiday season! 

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