

our  
**20** favorite  
garden picks  
for 2010



**1 AFRICAN DAISY** Give this trendy *Osteospermum*, 'Serenity Purple', top, a try in your spring and fall container plantings. Ball Horticultural Co.; [simplybeautifulgardens.com](http://simplybeautifulgardens.com)

**2 WEDGIE** Rock this tool, above, back and forth in garden or potting soil to make room for bedding plants—no dirt removal necessary. Wherry Enterprises of Illinois, \$14; [wedgie.biz](http://wedgie.biz)



**3 SKIN CARE** Smooth out the rough edges that come hand-in-hand with gardening. These sumptuous products will make your skin say "Ahh." Nature Hills Nursery, \$20; [naturehills.com](http://naturehills.com)



**5 ZINNIA** Strong stems, a robust habit, and the deep merlot color make 'Benary's Giant Wine', above, a cut-flower standout. Available through local garden retailers and mail-order catalogs.

**6 PETUNIA** 'Shock Wave Denim', right, pumps out nonstop waves of electric dark blue flowers from spring to fall. PanAmerican Seed; wave-rave.com



**7 LANTANA** 'Luscious Citrus Blend', left, likes it hot, so plant it in a sunny spot and watch its fiery blooms pop. Proven Winners; shoponlineatprovenwinners.com

**8 COLEUS** For energetic red-and-green foliage, try 'Twist and Twirl' coleus, right. Proven Winners; shoponlineatprovenwinners.com



**9 WATERING CAN** Quench your thirst for style with this elegant black swan indoor watering can.

The Gardener, \$14; thegardener.com



**4 BAMBOO COMPOST CROCK** Chic composting? Count our food scraps in. We're also fans of this crock's pullout plastic liner, which makes light of cleanup duty.

Gardener's Supply Co., \$40; gardeners.com/bhg



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PHOTOS: (LANTANA, ZINNIA, WEDGIE) KRITSADA; (PETUNIA, CRAPE MYRTLE, SWEET POTATO) PETE KRUMHARDT; (OTHERS) BLAINE MOATS



**10 GARDEN SHOES** Super comfortable, easy to slide on, waterproof, and slip-resistant, the Nimbus shoes earn top marks from our tootsies. LawnGrips, \$66; [lawngrrips.com](http://lawngrrips.com)



**11 CONEFLOWER** *Echinacea* 'Coconut Lime', above, gives the most ho-hum border something to cheer about. White Flower Farm; [whiteflowerfarm.com/bhg](http://whiteflowerfarm.com/bhg)



**12 SWEET POTATO VINE** More compact than other varieties, 'Illusion Emerald Lace', left, delivers delicate chartreuse spills. Proven Winners; [shoponlineatprovenwinners.com](http://shoponlineatprovenwinners.com)



**13 CRAPE MYRTLE** Reaching just 5 feet, 'Dazzle Me Pink', right, brings big bloom to tiny spaces. Gardener's Confidence Collection; [gardenersconfidence.com](http://gardenersconfidence.com)



**14 WATER BOTTLE** The stainless-steel Envirosax is perfect for H<sub>2</sub>O on the go, sans plastic. Blue Ribbon General Store, \$16.50; [BlueribbonGeneralstore.net](http://BlueribbonGeneralstore.net)



**15 CLAY POTS** These dark Woodville pots bring understated elegance to patios. Ben Wolff Pottery, \$16 (#2 size) and \$30 (#4 size); [benwolffpottery.com](http://benwolffpottery.com)





**17** **BEGONIA** 'Big Red with Bronze Leaf', above, is no old-school begonia. It blooms all season and thrives in sun or shade. Benary; [big-begonia.com](http://big-begonia.com)

**18** **LILAC** Bloomerang reblooming lilac, right, flowers all summer long. White Flower Farm; [whiteflowerfarm.com/bhg](http://whiteflowerfarm.com/bhg)  
For information, see page 105.



**19** **PETUNIA** Create an eye-popping scene by tucking 'Supertunia Pretty Much Picasso', left, into containers this spring. Proven Winners; [shoponlineatprovenwinners.com](http://shoponlineatprovenwinners.com)

**20** **BOOTS** Bring on the mud and muck! Bogs all-weather boots fit snug around your legs, keeping feet toasty and dry. Gardener's Supply, \$85; [gardeners.com/bhg](http://gardeners.com/bhg)



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