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**Garden-to-Table Recipes
From Chef Jamie Oliver**

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What's New For Spring

We sift through plants, tools, and more to bring you the top picks for the new season.

BY JODY GARLOCK



1 TRAILING PANSY
Great for hanging baskets, 'Plentifall' is the first-ever cascading pansy. Chilly weather won't stop the show. Available at garden centers nationwide.

2 TINY TINES
Just 16 inches long, this nimble gadget goes where big rakes can't, cleaning leaves from between shrubs and other tight spaces. \$13; burgonandball.com



“This year, plant some edibles among your ornamentals, or vice versa.”

Debra Prinzing, contributing editor



3 STAR PERFORMER

A yellow star pattern in the black ‘Phantom’ petunia, above, pairs beautifully with chartreuse or black sweet potato vine. Available at garden centers nationwide.



6 BAR TENDER

After a hard day’s gardening, Saipua soaps bring tired hands back to mint condition. \$8 each; saipua.com/shop

7 PURPLE PEEPERS

The yellow “eyes” of Blackberry Punch calibrachoa, right, will make you look twice. Go to provenwinners.com to find a retailer.



4 FASHION FEEDER

The Modern Ranch feeder is a diner for birds and contemporary art for bird lovers. \$85; popdeluxe.net

5 TROPICAL SPLASH

Savor the delicious colors of ‘Raspberry Moon’ caladium, left. \$22.50 for 10 bulbs; classiccaladiums.com



PHOTOS: (PETUNIA, BIRDFEEDER, SOAP) BLAINE MOATS; (CALADIUM, CALIBRACHOA) PETE KRUMHARDT



9 MYTHIC BEAUTY
Indoors or out, 'Gryphon' begonia, *below*, delivers tough but gorgeous foliage. Available at garden centers nationwide.



10 STAND-UP SEDUM
There's no flip-flopping on this BHG Test Garden favorite. Sturdy stems on 'Maestro' sedum, *above*, stand up to the elements. \$12; plantdelights.com

8 SHAMROCK CHIC
The plush black foliage of *Oxalis* 'Charmed Velvet', *above*, adds dark contrast to container combinations. Go to provenwinners.com to find a retailer.



11 SLEEK SLIP-ONS
The sporty Crocband Flat is comfy and easy to clean after a day in the dirt. \$35; crocs.com





DEBRA'S GARDEN

Trend-spotting

Contributing editor Debra Prinzing offers her prize tips to help you get the most out of the outdoors.

PRETTY PRINTS

Outdoor fabric styles are now on par with indoor materials, and they're fade- and mildew-resistant. Keep patio decor current with pillows in fashionable prints and patterns.

LOCAL IS IN

Grow bouquet ingredients in your garden, or buy from a local flower farmer. Go to ascfg.org to locate one near you. Click the "Buy Local Flowers" button.

MOOD MUSIC

The new Eton Soultra solar-powered sound system for iPod/iPhone nurtures a soothing outdoor experience. \$200; applestore.com

"You don't need a pergola to hang party lights. Crisscross Christmas or carnival string lights between trees to create a festive feel for a garden party."

Debra Prinzing





12 IN THE LOOP

Get a grip on your snips. These loop-handle shears offer improved control and comfort. \$13; available at The Home Depot.

13 STAR POWER

The name says it all: *Sanvitalia* 'Million Suns', right, bursts with blooms all season. Available at garden centers nationwide.



14 MELLOW MALLOW

Try 'Slightly Strawberry' cape mallow, left, in a pot. No deadheading necessary. Go to provenwinners.com

15 RIDIN' THE RAILS

Straddling a fence or rail, these vibrant containers go where pots have never gone before. Simply pop them on! \$28 each; aplusrstore.com



PHOTOS: (PLANTS) PETE KRUMHARDT; (PRUNERS, POTS) BLAINE MOATS