

Southern Living®

**TOP 10
SOUTHERN
FOOD
TOWNS**

PLUS RECIPES!

FRESH
STRAWBERRY
MERINGUE CAKE
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67 Fresh Spring Recipes

**LUSCIOUS
STRAWBERRY
DESSERTS**

**FESTIVE MINI
APPETIZERS**

**FAST &
DELICIOUS
WEEKNIGHT
SUPPERS**

**CARROT
CAKE
CUPCAKES**

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Carefree
Petunias**

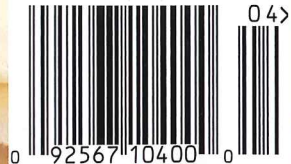
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is a state of mind...and
having home and family
at the center of your world."
—SISSY SPACEK, PAGE 18

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Editor's Picks

Start growing your own tomatoes at home with these essentials

COOL TOOLS

This sturdy spear-point trowel is ideal for transplanting your tomatoes; it's available from leevalleytools.com.



NEW SELECTIONS

Look for plants at your local nursery, or order from burpee.com.



HEIRLOOM SEEDS

For an assortment of classic seeds, try southernexposure.com.