



Henderson County Master Gardeners

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Gifts for Gardeners

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Do you have a gardening enthusiast in your family? Do not despair if you are unsure about what to gift to give them. If they do not come right out and tell you what they want, I have a few suggestions you can use to stuff their stockings.

A folding pruning saw is indispensable for using on branches that are too large to be cut with pruners. For digging in the dirt, some love the Hori-Hori weeding knife, while I gravitate to the Ho-Mi Japanese hand plow. A garden tote makes it convenient to carry all these tools out in the garden. A garden wagon could carry a lot more than just tools, and may be necessary, depending upon the size garden of your gift recipient. A tool sharpener is always handy, and especially appreciated if you do the first tool sharpening.

Of course, it is not just tools that a gardener needs. Wearable items such as garden clogs and rubber boots, rose gauntlets and durable gloves, garden aprons or overalls, and bandanas or a garden hat are functional and all can be either made to look boldly masculine or femininely pretty. If you often hear the gardener in your life talk about the weather, you might try giving a rain gauge or a watering can.

For something different, and since sedums and terrariums are all the rage right now, you may be interested in giving a terrarium kit or a wall hanging succulent kit. Either would give them something new and interesting to do. Just be prepared to help them put it together. There are also kits that allow you to see roots vegetables, such as carrots, as they grow. These are marketed for children, but I think a gardener of any age would find it fascinating. The nice thing about a gardening kit is that they would be reminded of you each time they looked at it.

If you have a large budget, and know the gardener well, you may wish to surprise them with a greenhouse. If your budget is a little smaller, you can always give them a beautiful vase to display their garden's blooms, or an inspirational book to help them keep moving toward their garden dream. Whether your recipient has had a lifelong passion for gardening, or if it is a new pastime hobby, giving a gardening-related gift will make you stand out as a thoughtful giver. Be prepared to get lots of smiles, and possibly some hugs.

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