

Fresh-from-the-garden fabulous!

Show off your garden's bounty in casual, carefree, decorator-chic arrangements that look absolutely delicious!

Perfect summer table!

Gather a variety of tomatoes in bowls and platters to give a dinner party a lush Tuscan feel!



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French country charm!

Beautiful lidded tins hide kitchen clutter and look good anywhere from the kitchen countertop to your dining room. \$59.99, CountryDoor.com, 800-341-9477.



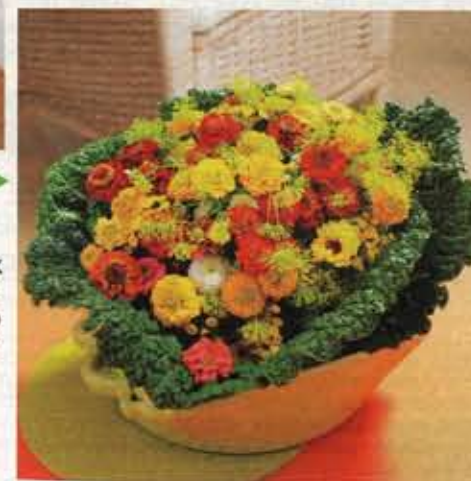
Measuring up!

Veggie-shaped measuring spoons will make cooking more fun. \$14.95, go to Pier1.com for store locations, 800-245-4595.



Modern chic!

Green cabbage leaves and flowers create a trendy look that adds freshness to your tabletop. To do: Put a short vase filled with flowers in a bowl and surround with cabbage leaves.



Pour on the charm!

Serve up cool summertime drinks in this ceramic cabbage pitcher. \$34.99, Distinctive-Decor.com, 866-963-3267.



Bright lights!

Put a glass candleholder inside a clear glass vase and surround with cherry tomatoes for an easy-to-do centerpiece with the lush feel of a summertime harvest!



Veggie chic!

You'll always have a fresh crop of corn with these colorful kitchen towels, \$9.99, Kohls.com, 855-564-5705.



Fresh and fun!

Cut the stems of radishes to 1 1/2"; hold the bunch together with a rubber band, position in the middle of a container and surround with parsley.

Smart ideas for Your home



1 Last-minute cooler!

If you're going on a picnic and don't have a cooler, a shopping bag or picnic basket with several layers of newspaper. Chill the food containers well in the refrigerator, then slip the paper, adding more layers as you go. The stack will act as insulation to keep food cool!

2 Gentle gum-remover!

If a piece of gum has landed on your sofa, loop a piece of tape around your middle index fingers, sticky side out. Press the tape on the gum, quickly pull up. Repeat until traces of the gum are gone.

3 Get more space in your bathroom

No place to put magazines or newspapers in the bathroom? Keep them off the floor by putting up an extra towel. Simply drape them over the door.

4 The spill-proof drink tray you already own!

Prevent messy spills when carrying drinks outdoors by using an empty muffin tin! Place glasses in the muffin tin and drinks won't topple.

5 Give plants a boost for pennies

Dissolve a pack of unflavored gelatin in 1 cup warm water, then add 3 more cups of water. Pour the mixture over plants. The gelatin delivers a slow-release nitrogen boost.