

## Easy-2-Grow Kit

I seem to spend half my summers watering tomato plants, which are constantly thirsty as soon as it gets warmer. Not wanting to cut down on how many plants I grow, this self-watering pot was a great solution. It is a gravity-fed, two-pot irrigation system with a 47L (10gal) water reservoir to automatically water your plants for up to two weeks – perfect if you're going on holiday! My experience was it can last even longer than two weeks, because the reservoir fills up each time it rains. It also makes feeding a doodle, because you just add liquid feed to the reservoir. So far, the plants in the pots are twice the size of those in normal containers, so the system has proved a great success!

RATING ★★★★★  
PRICE £29.91  
FROM Lakeland, tel. 01539 488100 or visit [www.lakeland.co.uk](http://www.lakeland.co.uk)  
Tested by Laura Fanthorpe



## Roundup Fast Action 5L Pump 'N Go

This is very easy to use. The instructions were simple to follow and the spray nozzle meant I could be very precise with what I killed! Some weeds did need two doses.

RATING ★★★★★  
PRICE £24.99  
FROM [www.roundup-garden.com](http://www.roundup-garden.com) or tel. 0870 530 1010.

Tested by Greg Loades



# Tried & Tested

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## Hattrick Aerator Mower 36 EH

This clever machine mows and aerates your lawn easily and effectively. As a mower it works well and, with the aerator roller switched on, removes impressive amounts of moss and thatch from your lawn – it can even be used as a leaf collector on your lawn, in autumn. Its folding handle makes it easy to store and it looks smart. The instructions are extremely clear too.

RATING ★★★★★  
PRICE £259.99

FROM Henton & Chattell Ltd is the sole UK distributor for Brill products. Tel. 0115 986 2161 or visit [www.brillgarden.co.uk](http://www.brillgarden.co.uk)

Tested by Geoff Stebbings



## Garden Tidy Cart

Like many gardeners, I find it hard not to start pulling up great clumps of weeds and pruning every time I'm in the garden – even when I only mean to sit and relax outside! The irritating job, however, is picking up all the prunings afterwards. This tidy cart is perfect for wheeling around with you – it keeps the collecting bag open and has eight handy pockets for all your hand tools. After use, it can be folded away for easy storage. My only complaint is the cart doesn't have a handle to hold when you're moving it around.

RATING ★★★★★  
PRICE £16.99

FROM Able Gardener, tel. 01738 639222 or log on to [www.ablegardener.co.uk](http://www.ablegardener.co.uk)  
Tested by Laura Fanthorpe



## Reed Screening

This product gave my garden instant and attractive screening from neighbours, for added privacy. It was easy to fix to existing fence posts. The only downside is it isn't suitable for windy gardens like mine. Perhaps I should have gone for a bamboo cane option instead, which is roughly the same price. However, it is a quick-fix solution that will last a couple of years until my shrubs fill in the space.

RATING ★★★★★

PRICE £24.99 for 4m (13ft) by 2m (7ft).  
FROM Gardman, tel. 01406 372237 or visit [www.gardman.co.uk](http://www.gardman.co.uk) for stockist details.  
Tested by Mark Timothy

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## Planto Sensitive Touch Gloves

These Sensitive Touch gloves might just convert me to wearing gloves more often when I'm gardening! I sometimes discard gloves when I need to feel what I'm doing, especially with delicate jobs such as sowing or transplanting seedlings, but I soon forgot that I was wearing these gloves. They are made from a thin, robust material that feels like a second skin. The layer of latex on the palm didn't hinder movement at all, but protected my hands and gave them a good grip. Available in yellow or orange, sizes small or medium.

PRICE £3.99

FROM

Belstane, tel. 01335

372600 or

visit [www.belstane.com](http://www.belstane.com)

Tested

by Laura

Fanthorpe



## Muckboot Derwent Mid

Very comfortable, lightweight boots that saw me through the winter on the allotment and feel like they'll last many more.

They are sturdier than they look with a good substantial toe cap.

The soft material kept my feet warm as well as comfy when winter digging. If you find conventional rubber 'wellies' a bit awkward to wear, then these are highly recommended.

PRICE £52

FROM Belstane, tel. 01335 372600 or visit [www.belstane.com](http://www.belstane.com)  
Tested by Greg Loades



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