



So — set your stage and have a great time.

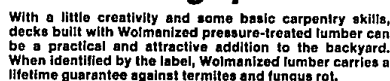


I have trained my family never to toss empty containers when they use the last of the peanut butter, for instance, they either mark the shopping list or leave the jar in an established place for me to mark it, so I don't have unpleasant surprises of finding items used up when I need them.

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For the gardener of a small plot who wants to avoid sprays or powders, there's several helpful insects that can be bought and used without special skills. The most familiar predatory insect (those that eat other insects), is the ladybug. The bug is actually a beetle and is more properly

Besides praying for a successful garden, you might try the praying mantis. Unlike the ladybug, which stalks its prey, the mantises are "still hunters." They stand and wait for innocent game. Mantises aren't much at flying, and they walk slow, so they're more apt to linger in your yard rather than fly away.

In addition to ladybugs, lacewings, or mantises, there's a group of nondescript beetles that any gardener should know.

