



garden spot

Here's the scoop on garden gifts



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What can I give someone who is an active gardener? That is sometimes a difficult question to answer, but there are some helpful items that will please the most discriminating.

Tools are always welcome, and the newer ones are lighter in weight and often rust-resistant, which is a plus. Companies are always designing products to make our gardening chores easier and more pleasurable.

My husband is quite enthusiastic about a Razor Tooth Saw that has a pull-back cutting action. Its sharp sharp blade cut through tree branches in a jiffy. It is No. RS7040 and is made by Corona Clipper Company. This company also makes many other tools, among them a very sturdy leather scabbard for hand pruners. The company also offers pro-

fessional pruning advice at (800) 93-PRUNE.

Fiskars also has excellent products. One of the tools it offers is a Gardener's Utility Knife (No. 7846), which has a snap-lock sheath. It is made of Nyglass™, a composite plastic, and has a stainless steel blade.

Garden aid

Three new Softouch products, a Cultivator (No. 7877), a Transplanter (No. 7875) and a Trowel (No. 7876), are designed to increase comfort for gardeners with reduced hand strength and the pistol-grip handles enable the tools to "go through" soil quickly.

For flower arrangers, the Cut-N-Hold Floral Shears (No. 7919) is just the ticket as is the Serrated Floral Shears that never needs sharpening. Look also for the Pro Power Lever By-Pass Pruner (No. 7968) and the Power Gear Anvil Lopper (No. 7972). Call (800) 500-4849.

Portable Products is the manufacturer of the Garden Boss, a tool storage and organization device that fits over a five-

gallon bucket. Its newest offering is a versatile Gathering Apron, which converts from a knee-length apron to a harvest pouch for large or small items. Plenty of pockets will hold tools. Both are made of Duckwear 100 percent cotton fabric. Its garden tote with a place for every tool is great! Call (800) 688-2677.

The new Alive & Well Nurturing Planters by Bemis control the amount of water applied to container plants. They work like this: Water is added to the base of the planter through a side opening, columns of soil extend to the bottom of the planter and draw water to the plant's root system in a continuous, gentle sipping action.

They are available for outdoor or indoor use and in pretty decorator colors. Call (800) 558-7651.

One of my favorite garden tools is the Winged Weeder, an innovative design that makes this job easy! It is available in two head sizes and three handle lengths. Great as an ice scraper too. Call (800) 388-4539.

For the children

Among the many tools made by Ames Lawn & Garden Tools are an Anvil Pruner (No. 23-095) and a Bypass Pruner (No. 23-096), which feature precision-ground, heat-treated, high-carbon steel blades with TFE non-stick coating. The grips are contoured and have a hang-up hole.

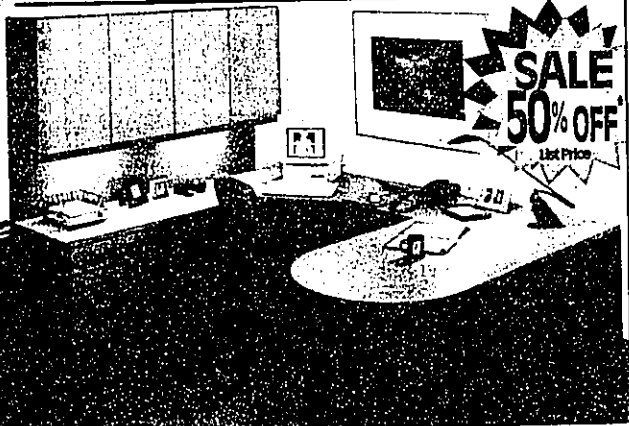
The company also makes tools specifically geared to children. The happy, bright colors will appeal to the youngsters. A three-piece set for children 3 to 6 years of age is available in tough poly construction, and the set for children ages 7 and up has wooden handles and colorful sturdy metal heads. The tools are also available individually. Look for Eco Masters Kids' Tools. Call (800) 624-2654.

The A.H. Hoffman company, in cooperation with Ames, is producing a potting soil packaged exclusively for children. It, too, will feature the Eco Master superhero characters on the package.

A new Soil Scoop by Garden Works

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