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tique buff. Remove the sewing machine and insert a planter box, also put plants in the thread drawers.

For modern decors, Plexiglas stands make handsome plant centers that aren't damaged by water spills.

Wrought iron stands and hanging basket holders add atmosphere to mediterranean decors, and wooden planters, stands and baskets are at home in most settings.

Unusual containers can be found at most plant stores. One series resembles old-fashioned tin canisters, others are made of cork or are woven from exotic materials.

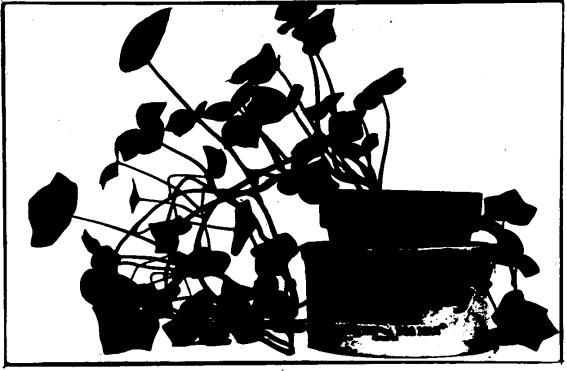
Again, if your budget is tight, items around the house can be made into very attractive planters. Cans or bottles can be painted to match the colors in a room.

Old tea kettles, iron pots and creamers make plants right at home in a kitchen setting, especially if the plants are herbs.

Gifts of herbal plants keep on giving every time the cook needs a sprig of parsley or a pinch of garlic.

Whatever the plant or container, the gift will last far beyond the holidays and its novelty will never wear off as it continues to remind the recipient of your thoughtfulness.

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Antique crockery makes good plant holders

