

DON'T just say it with flowers on Mother's Day.

Here's our pick of the crop of gifts to provide inspiration and give your gardening mum a present to remember

A plethora of garden ornaments are on offer, but among the prettiest are some stainless steel dragonflies, right, from Home2Garden - www.home2garden.co.uk. Priced at £15.95 each, they come on a 50cm spring wire. Or try Home2Garden's unusual frost-proof rainbow glass bird bath, below, at £34.99.

Keen vegetable growers may want to extend their repertoire to more unusual veg, so why not buy your mother something she hasn't grown before, such as mushrooms? You can buy a white button mushroom kit, which will also be easy to gift wrap, which has everything you need to grow mushrooms and could boost confidence to grow other, more

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difficult veg. This kit, pictured right, is £5.99 from www.greenfingers.com

Gardeners can never have too many gloves, but the Showa Floreo 370

lightweight nylon glove, below, takes some beating. With a nitrile-coated palm, it keeps your hand protected while being thin enough to perform intricate tasks in the garden, including potting, seedling work, pricking out, tying up plants and weeding.

Available in a range of bright colours, they are £6.99 from www.mstore.co.uk.



Create a wow factor by filling this handsome willow planter, above, with trailing flowers within an elegant stand. It makes a fabulous free-standing addition to a patio or creates a focal point in bed or border. It's £42.99 from www.lakeland.co.uk.

If your mum loves clipping hedges or creating perfectly shaped balls or



pyramids out of evergreen shrubs, soft pink topiary and trimming shears from Burgon & Ball give her a stylish way to do it. Hand forged in Sheffield with soft pink handles, they come in an attractive co-ordinating gift box and are priced at £19.95 from www.burgonandball.com.

Perhaps a cup of tea is required after a heavy day in the garden, so her ideal gift would be a stylish

Tisaniere tea set and lemon verbena plant, which will form the ingredient for a delicious herbal tea. As well as the tea pot and lemon verbena plant, the gift set comes with a packet of mint seeds, which when grown can also make a zesty herb tea, a metal plant label and instructions on how to grow the



seeds, as well as a booklet that contains other herb tea recipes. Available from www.crocus.co.uk it costs £24.99.

For a more personalised gift, have a special message put on to a lovely pine apple crate planter which can be used for planting up bright and cheerful blooms or simply used as a novelty hamper for other gifts or a storage solution for indoors. Get yours from www.gettingpersonal.co.uk, above, for £39.99.

If you want to pamper your mother and give her something practical at the same time.

Splash out on the Luxe Gardeners Tin from Crabtree & Evelyn, left, which includes tools, gloves and a sturdy tin to keep your bits and bobs in, as well as luxurious handcare products to restore skin after a satisfying day of digging in the dirt. It's £32 from www.crabtree-evelyn.co.uk