



Over the Garden Gate

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Fruit and Flowers



Kumquats in a vase of water make a unique base for stems of yellow tulips or other spring flowers. Fill a tray with Granny Smith apples for a delectable coffee table accent.

Garden-Fresh Sunroom

Adding spring style to a sunroom is as easy as painting a jute rug with a floral motif, swapping in a garden-inspired pillow, and topping a table with a simple white runner.



Barely There

A simple pair of sheer panels moves with little effort and filters light. Lest you think sheers come only in a plain-white option, check out today's choices, including pretty pale colors and punchy patterns like the stripe shown here. Curtain clips make it easy to hang and replace later.



Inspired Spring Decor

A Layered Look

Inexpensive photo art, strategically hung within decorative molding, makes a prominent, colorful statement in a living room. Layer a large painted canvas beneath one photo to give it greater presence and add a touch of color to all-white walls and trim.



Simple Flower Artwork



R e c i p e

Tricolour Tomato Ravioli

- 1 24- to 25-oz. pkg. frozen cheese-filled ravioli
- 4 large tomatoes, such as green zebra, yellow, and/or red, cut in thin wedges & seeded (about 4 cups)
- 3/4 cup small fresh basil leaves
- 1/4 cup drained capers
- 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 cups fresh baby spinach
- 1/2 c shredded Parmesan cheese



1. Cook frozen ravioli according to package directions; drain. Meanwhile, in a large bowl combine tomatoes, basil, capers, pepper, and salt; set aside.
2. In large skillet melt butter over medium heat. Add garlic and cook for 30 seconds. Add tomato mixture; cook just until heated through. Remove from heat; gently stir in spinach.
3. To serve, place cooked ravioli on serving platter. Spoon tomato mixture over ravioli. Sprinkle Parmesan on top. Makes 4 servings.

Must-Grow New Perennial for 2009 Celebrity Peony

Grow this new variety and you'll likely be a local celebrity — people will stop by just to see this brilliant selection. It features purple-red petals topped with a stack of creamy-white and crowned with a tuft of red-purple again. It's a midseason bloomer with fragrant flowers.



Grow it for: Its bold flowers

Grow it with: Baptisia and alliums

Name: Paeonia 'Celebrity'

Growing Conditions: Sun and well-drained soil

Size: To 38 inches tall and 3 feet wide

Handy Hints

You can remove smoke stains out of stone or brick around your fireplace with coke. Have nylon brush and a bucket of very hot water handy. Pour the Coke on the smoke stain and immediately brush it back out with the nylon brush. Rinse the stones and/or bricks with hot water making sure to get all the coke and blot dry.

I'M LISTENING.

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