



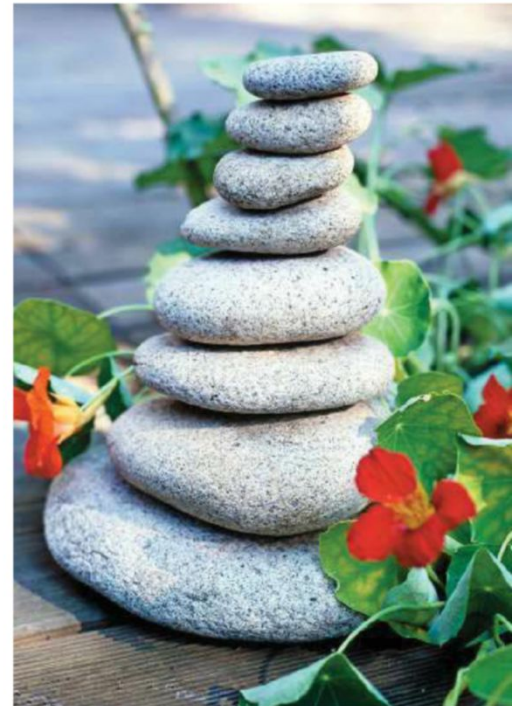
BRUSH WITH FIERY COLOUR

Punctuating borders with vivid pink tones and inviting texture, the soft plumes of *Celosia argentea* 'Flamingo Feather' can eventually reach 3¼ft (1m) tall. The name celosia translates to fire or burning in Greek, perfectly conveying the bright pink, red and orange tones that can be found in different varieties. Also known as cockscomb and woolflowers, celosia add colour and structure to the garden. Part of the Amaranthaceae family, celosia can be annuals, perennials or shrubs. Tiny flowers cluster in large, tapering inflorescences. Established seedlings are planted out in spring, when all risk of frost has passed, flowering in 90 days. The flowers are easy to dry, making them perfect to bring indoors for decoration or craft.

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TOWERING GRACE

Creating different shapes in the garden helps to fill it with interest. A simple rock sculpture provides height and a cool colour contrast to the fresh foliage and flowers of the season. To build it, a number of flat stones of decreasing size are gathered. The largest one forms the base, with the others balanced in decreasing size order on top. Each piece is moved over the one below until their contours interlock, providing extra stability.



RECYCLED USEFULNESS

Suitable for any number of uses, this handy portable tray is made of reclaimed pine. Handmade in Dorset by carpenter Ken James, it was named a trasket in a customer competition for combining the qualities of a trug and a basket. It measures 44cm x 25cm x 11cm, with a total handle height of 18cm.

Reclaimed wood trasket £24,
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