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What's new in the world of design and decoration



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Flat pack Here's a great way to cut kitchen clutter. This new collapsible range of containers from Rubbermaid is designed to flatten to a height of just 2.5cm. They are suitable for the microwave, freezer and dishwasher and come in three sizes: 2.5-cup (\$7.95), four-cup (\$8.95) and six-cup (\$10.95). For stockists, phone 1800 003 178.



Making headlines Forget buying all those little pots and trays to grow seeds in - with this clever gadget you can make your own out of newspaper. Called Pots of Words, the moulded aluminium tool comes from French company Secrets du Potager and is available here through Honey Bee Homewares, \$39. Phone (02) 9948 9908.

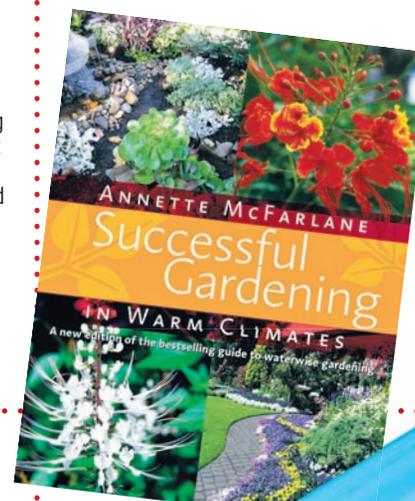


Next big things

Visitors to Paddington Markets next weekend can rub shoulders with some of our hottest new design stars when the markets host the inaugural Emerging Designers exhibition. Expect to find jewellery, ceramics, furniture and more. Pictured are fruit bowls by UTS graduate Brad Stebbing. Saturday April 26, Paddington Uniting Church, Oxford Street. Inquiries, 0423 832 646.

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We think these Paperchase gift boxes are far too cool to use as mere packaging, but for a stylish storage solution they're spot on. The Crazy Floral Dot boxes come in three sizes priced at \$7.85, \$9.80 and \$11.75. Available exclusively at Borders, www.borders.com.au.



Growing challenge

With the emphasis on organic, waterwise garden practices, horticulturalist Annette McFarlane's comprehensive guide covers everything you need to know to grow healthy plants in Australia's different climate zones. \$29.95 (ABC Books), from bookstores.



Dividing range Looking for ways to freeze meal-sized portions for her infant son, an Aussie mum came up with the perfect invention. The result is Qubies, a kind of upside-down, non-stick silicon ice tray featuring dividers on the lid that separate the food into 30ml cubes. Available in aqua or lime, \$16.95. Inquiries: 0439 847 239 or order online at www.qubies.com.au.

Be upstanding A dishcloth that stands up by itself sounds impossible, but that's exactly what this design by Eva Solo is meant to do. The cylindrical cloth is made from microfibre with an absorbent foam core that allows it to regain its shape after use. Choose from grey, black or creme. \$32 for two (\$65 with stainless steel stand). From Bristol and Brooks, (02) 9232 8699.

