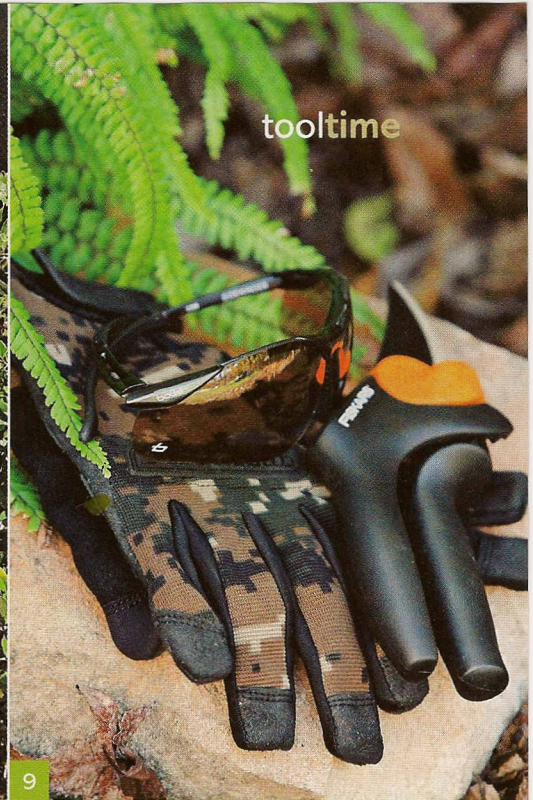




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tooltime

Here are the must-have items you'll use time and time again

a pleasure to prune. Their ergonomic design reduces strain, while precision blades ensure a quality cut. Fiskars Power-Lever Hedge Shears, \$53.

7. Worm farms are a simple way to dispose of kitchen waste. You can include any scraps except meat, eggs or dairy products. From a worm farm you'll get compost and liquid fertiliser. Add a woven cover that fits your bin. Worm Café, \$96; 1000 worms, \$47.

8. When space allows include a preformed compost bin. You can use just about any kitchen waste, garden clippings, newspaper and cardboard. Look for models with a spade-width access port at the base, a secure lid and screening on the vents. Maze Composter with Hatch, 220L, \$79.

9. Stay safe! Wear quality gloves such as the General Utility style from Ironclad, from \$15. And keep your eyes protected in style with Bollé Sidewinder safety spectacles, from \$20.

10. Take your time when selecting pruners and secateurs – it's important they're the right size for your hand and feel comfortable. Go for rolling handles, which reduce hand strain, and good blade capacity to cut through larger branches. Fiskars PowerGear Bypass Pruner, \$54.95.

11. Stock up on quality controlled-release fertiliser. Easy to apply, it ensures your plants are kept well fed for longer, as nutrients are only released when required. Osmocote Plus Garden Beds, 500g, \$6.33.

THE WHEEL DEAL
Buy a good quality wheelbarrow and keep it propped up against the wall of your shed. You'll find you can use it for everything from lugging soil about to shifting compost. You can also use it to transport your tools and plants around the garden.

12. Keep a selection of fertilisers on hand for different uses. Quick-release fertilisers help plants green up fast. Yates Garden Gold, 700g, \$10.86.

13. Seaweed solution is like a health tonic and first-aid kit for the garden, stimulating growth, activating poor soil and improving plant resistance to disease. Seasol, 1L, \$10.12.

14. Pelletised organically derived fertilisers are a great choice for regular fertilising of rapid-growing crops such as vegetable gardens. Yates Dynamic Lifter, 2.5kg, \$9.98.

Stockists: Garden tools; Worm Café; Maze Composter; Ironclad gloves; fertilisers, **Bunnings Warehouse**, www.bunnings.com.au Bollé Sidewinder safety spectacles **Reece Plumbing outlets**, 1800 032 566 or www.reece.com.au



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