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## May Flowers

Vibrant blooms and garden gifts are the perfect way to say Happy Mother's Day or to brighten your home.

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### PRETTY IN PINK

A mass of pink ranunculus, left, is a sweet counterpoint to its rustic country container. Individual cans make arranging easy. Cut stems short and place a small bunch in each can.



### PAPERWORK

A quick wrap of decorative paper dresses up a simple cylinder vase planted with bulbs, above right, or filled with cut flowers, previous page. Pinked edges, a bit of ribbon, and a tag make the gift extra special.

### BLOOMING BOWS

Lush living "bows" top gift boxes. Slip the stem of a ruffled rose or peony through the top of a woven box (or a slit cut in a paper box) and into a florist water pick inside the box.



**GARDEN PARTY**

What better gift for a gardening mom than pretty tools for the labor and a hint at its lush rewards? Gather a riot of poppies, wrap a pair of garden gloves around the stems, and tie with twine. Tie on a hand tool to finish the package.

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**GRASS MENAGERIE** Present a garden ornament in a gift-wrap of verdant creeping jenny, right. Both the statue and its planter-container are gifts that can be reused in the garden.

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## **TREETOP PERCH**

Decorate a small container garden, left, with a wooden bird, a twig nest, and a couple of glass eggs. Wire the nest to branches secured in the soil.

## **MAY BASKETS**

Brighten a bedpost or doorknob with a May basket, below. Roll decorative paper into a cone and secure with tape. Tuck a small plastic cup inside and fill with water and sweet peas.

