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# Editor's NOTES

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June has arrived, bringing with it longer days, warmer evenings and a packed calendar of local events, family days out and community celebrations across Chester, Wrexham, Flintshire and North Wales.



In this month's edition of Inside Magazines, we've gathered together some fantastic ideas to help you make the most of the early summer season. From food festivals and outdoor shows to live music, family attractions and local business highlights, there's something for everyone to enjoy.



Days out & family fun

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Local events & food festivals



June is also a busy time for home improvements, garden projects and summer planning, so you'll find plenty of inspiration and trusted local services throughout this issue. Whether you're preparing for holidays, planning family activities or simply enjoying the sunshine closer to home, we hope this edition gives you plenty of useful ideas.



A big thank you, as always, to our readers, advertisers and distributors for your continued support. It's wonderful to see the magazines growing month after month and reaching more homes and businesses across the region.



Garden inspiration

We hope you enjoy the June edition and wish you a fantastic month ahead.

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With a coastline that unravels for over 290 kilometres, the Greek island of Kos has more than its fair share of beaches. They

come in all shapes and sizes, from golden swathes backed by beach bars, to hidden bays and little-known coves. The island's good looks don't end with its shores, either. Inland, whitewashed villages spill down the hillsides and wild flowers blanket the fields. Then there's Mount Dikeos, whose slopes are peppered with pine forests and castles.

## Kefalos

Kefalos is renowned for its wild and rugged beauty, and if you go beyond the actual village you will be encounter wonderful places such as Aghios Theologos, the Tripiti area, Cavo Paradiso and Cape Krikelos.

Kefalos boasts quite a few monuments (if you can get away from the beach for a few hours!): an ancient theatre, a number of Basilicas, Kefalos Castle, Kastelli Castle, some beautiful Churches.

Its numerous beaches attract visitors from all over the island - some beaches are popular and very crowded, but there is a beach to suit everyone!



## Dikaios

Nature lovers will certainly appreciate this part of the island. The imposing Dikaios Mountains are full of wooded areas to explore along with the traditional villages that abound in the area. You can also hike out of Zia and reach the Christos Church on the top of Mount Dikaios.

The Tigaki Salt Lake and the Marmari area in general are amazing in their biodiversity. Nature has remained largely untouched, while the presence of the majestic flamingos along with a large variety of migratory and local birds makes the area all the more attractive.

## Irakleidon

In Kardamena you can find the ruins of the ancient city of Alasarna and the remains of several Basilica. On the outskirts of Antimachia the Castle of Antimachia and the Poria spring are well worth a visit.

For the more adventurous there are a few more secluded beaches around the Mastichari area and more specifically west of Mastichari. A small paved road links Kardamena to Antimachia Castle and Plaka, a pine forest near the airport in Antimachia, with its peacocks and cool shade is an ideal place to shelter from the heat.



## Kos town area

The cultural centre of the island, Kos town has plenty of sites to visit such as the Asclipeion, the Vourina spring, the Roman Odeon, Neratzia Castle, St Gabriel's Basilica, Kos Old Town and Kos Town Market ... to name just a few.

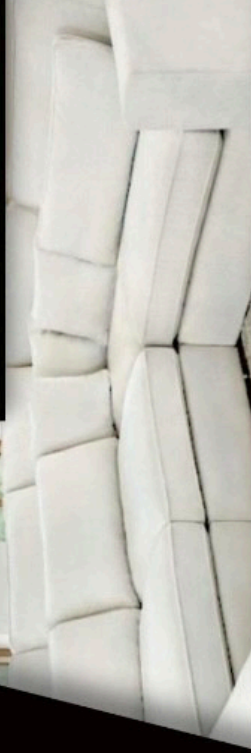
Natural wonders abound - the Therma hot springs on the southeastern end of the island attract a great many visitors and the Psalidi Lake is worth a visit. The more intrepid can visit the Zeioula river and you can always wander around in the wooded mountains behind Kos Town.

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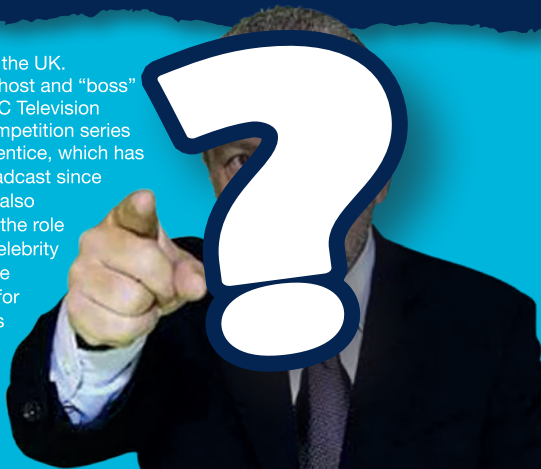
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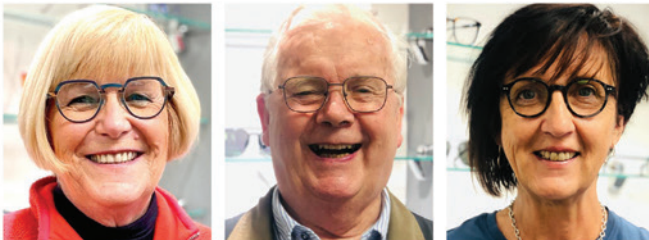
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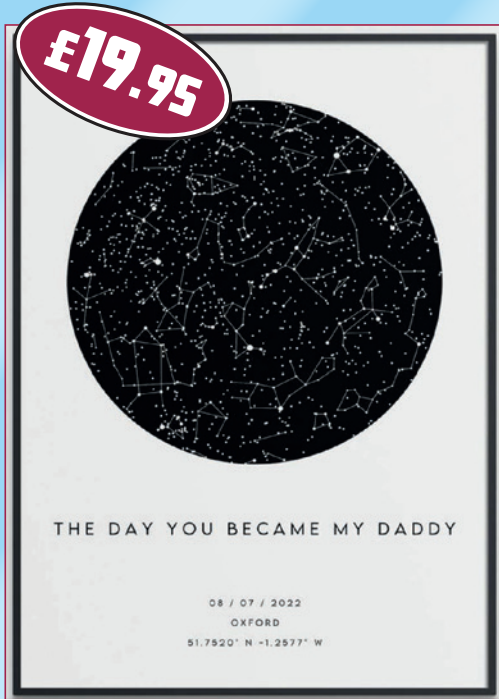
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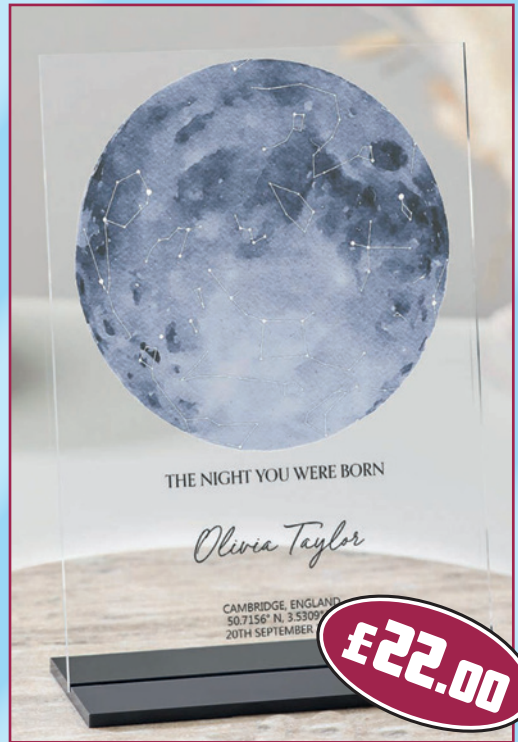


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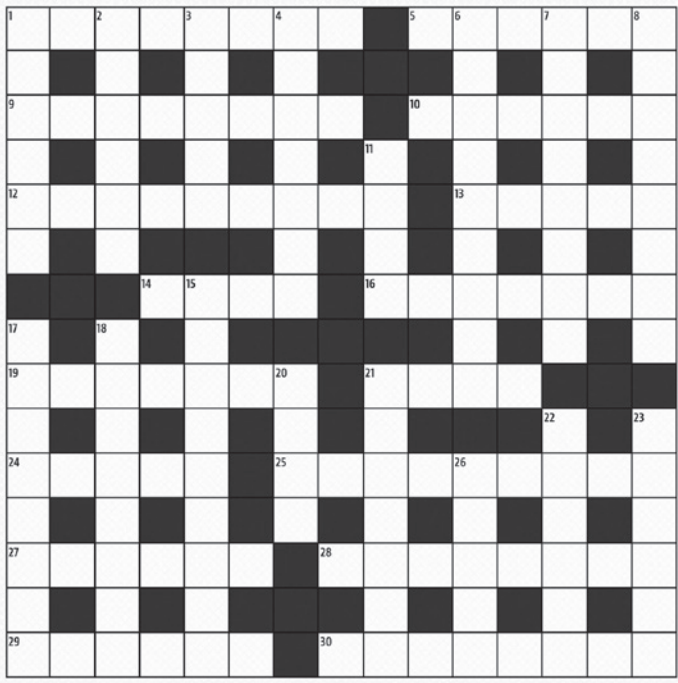
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- 13 Internet post
- 14 Freezes, ... over
- 16 Results of genetic change
- 19 Eight-note intervals
- 21 Nights & ...
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### Clues down

- 1 Swollen, ... up
- 2 Case-hardened
- 3 Door fastener
- 4 Long steps
- 6 Sumptuously
- 7 Artist's medium (3,5)
- 8 Eternal
- 11 Move in water
- 15 Pin-up model (5,4)
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# 90s Movie Quiz



**1:** Which 1994 action thriller stars Keanu Reeves as a cop trying to stop a bomb on a bus?

**2:** Which 1995 film features Will Smith and Martin Lawrence as two Miami detectives?

**3:** What is the name of the 1996 disaster movie about storm chasers tracking tornadoes?

**4:** Which 1997 sci-fi action movie stars Nicolas Cage and John Travolta as enemies who swap faces?

**5:** Which 1995 movie follows a group of astronauts attempting to prevent an asteroid from hitting Earth?

**6:** Which 1993 film stars Harrison Ford as a man on the run after being wrongly convicted of murder?

**7:** Which 1991 action movie features Patrick Swayze as a surfer who also robs banks?

**8:** Which 1997 James Cameron film became the highest-grossing movie of the decade?



**9:** Which 1999 action-horror film stars Brendan Fraser as an adventurer battling an ancient curse?

**10:** Which 1998 movie stars Tom Hanks as a World War II captain searching for a missing soldier?

**11:** Which 1994 crime thriller stars Jean Reno as a hitman who takes in a young girl played by Natalie Portman?

**12:** Which 1999 film stars Keanu Reeves as a computer hacker who discovers reality is a simulation?

**13:** Which 1995 film features Mel Gibson as a Scottish warrior leading a rebellion against England?

**14:** Which 1993 Steven Spielberg film brought dinosaurs back to life on the big screen?

**15:** Which 1994 comedy features Jim Carrey as a goofy pet detective searching for a missing dolphin?

**16:** Which 1993 movie stars Bill Murray as a man who keeps reliving the same day over and over?

**17:** Which 1999 teen comedy features a high school bet to turn an unpopular girl into prom queen?

**18:** Which 1995 movie features Alicia Silverstone as a wealthy but kind-hearted high school student?

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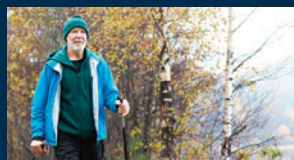
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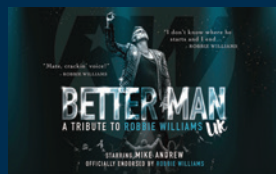
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[rhylpavilion.co.uk/events\\_list/better-man-uk-a-tribute-to-robbie-williams](http://rhylpavilion.co.uk/events_list/better-man-uk-a-tribute-to-robbie-williams)



# June Horoscopes



## **Aries (March 21-April 19)**

If you are tempted to overspend this month, try to resist the urge. This is likely to be a very social period in your calendar and you may need to watch any potential strain on your finances. You will be in great demand on the social circuit and others will seek out your company.



## **Taurus (April 20-May 20)**

Your patience could well be put to the test this month. There could be a situation where you will need to forgive and forget, rather than harping on about something that has irritated you. Your emotions may be up and down but mentally you will remain strong and able to deal effectively with whatever may happen.



## **Gemini (May 21-June 20)**

This could be a profitable period for Geminis. You will be confident enough to take risks where others wouldn't dare. If you make investments this month, they may prove profitable in the future. If you approach your bosses about a pay rise they might actually listen to you.



## **Cancer (June 21-July 22)**

Cancer charts show you may need to slow down and take more care of your health. If you are prone to skin eruptions (which many born under this earth sign are) your skin could be telling you to avoid junk foods and eat a more healthy diet. You may also need time to de-stress and get away from the workplace.



## **LEO (July 23-August 22)**

This is likely to be a steady period for Leos. You are going to experience a certain amount of fulfillment where your career is concerned and there will be much satisfaction to be gained from doing well and achieving your goals. Others will seek you out for advice which they will follow.



## **Virgo (August 23-September 22)**

You will be dealing with a lot of money-related issues during this period and your horoscope predictions suggest that any financial speculations you make will be fruitful. You will not indulge in impulsive spending; rather, you will be taking a more measured and careful approach to your finances.



## **Libra (September 23-October 22)**

You could subject yourself to some much-needed self-scrutiny this month. If you are feeling the strain of working too hard, then take some time out. If a relationship is not working, then end it. During this time you can be as decisive as you like, as you are unlikely to make a bad decision.



## **Scorpio (October 23-November 21)**

Watch out for muscle strain, muscle weakness and leg pain this month. You are likely to be physically restricted in some way. The affliction is only temporary, but it will mean that your physical development will be strong and you are likely to be very sensitive to others' needs.



## **Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)**

This period may find you needing to sort out minor issues in personal relationships. It would be beneficial to all concerned if both parties could listen to the other and act directly and quickly upon what has been said. Sagittarians may need to curb their idealism and learn to be more practical in their relationships.



## **Capricorn (December 22-January 19)**

You may be feeling a little fragile - maybe because of work-related stress, family problems or simply because your work/life balance is out of kilter. Either way, those born under the earth sign of Capricorn could find alternative therapies very useful.



## **Aquarius (January 20-February 18)**

If you've been feeling a bit down in the dumps, maybe due to exhaustion, now is the time to put on a brave face and embrace all the changes going on around you. Everything has an upside and a downside. If you focus more on the positive, things will get better in the long run. Listen to a good friend's advice.



## **Pisces (February 19-March 20)**

You could feel in need of a time out this month so that you can relax and revive. If your body is tired through overwork, then allow it to rest. If your mind is racing, then allow yourself some downtime. If you feel in need of some general refreshment, take a short break from routine. It will rejuvenate you.



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### Supergirl

- **In cinemas:** June 26, 2026
- **Director:** Craig Gillespie
- **Starring:** Milly Alcock, Eve Ridley, Matthias Schoenaerts
- Kara Zor-El, aka Supergirl, joins forces with an unlikely companion on an interstellar journey of vengeance and justice when an unexpected adversary strikes too close to home.



### Toy Story 5

- **In cinemas:** June 19, 2026
- **Directors:** McKenna Harris, Andrew Stanton
- **Voices:** Keanu Reeves, Tom Hanks, Annie Potts.
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# MERCEDES VITO

**YOU** have to feel for the Mercedes Vito. Here it is, working away to earn itself buyers in the face of strong competition in the medium van sector, while at the same time it's slightly overshadowed by a larger Mercedes stablemate.

Indeed, the Vito arguably has a tougher job than the bigger Mercedes Sprinter – which tends to get all the glory – because it goes up against big-selling rivals. They include heavyweights including the Ford Transit Custom and VW Transporter.

## Performance & drive

You get a choice of three, four-cylinder 2.0-litre diesel engines, ranging in power output from 132bhp right up

to 184bhp.

Only the more affordable 132bhp (badges as 114) version come as standard with a six-speed manual gearbox. A nine-speed automatic gearbox is available as an option, and comes as standard on the 158bhp (116) and 184bhp (119) models.

Whichever engine you go for, the suspension is on the firm side for a medium van that's related to the Mercedes V-Class people mover. It stops short of being uncomfortable though, and the firmness makes it feel sportier than some rivals.

The Ford Transit Custom remains more rounded, but the Vito's handling is sharp and the extra weight over the front axle adds more directness to the steering.

On higher trim levels, the grille incorporates Mercedes' Multibeam LED headlights with adaptive main

beams, and the latest Vito also has redesigned rear LED lights.

## Interior

Inside, the Vito borrows heavily from the Mercedes V-Class MPV in appearance and feel, so it's very well put together, but there's plenty of differentiation.

The V-Class has headed into the stratosphere for its new levels of refinement, while the Vito is more practical and usable. It's still a bit pared back, but there's more to like in the Vito than there is in a VW Transporter.

There are three open storage areas beneath the windscreen, and two cupholders, while a small tray beneath the gear lever is ideal for phones, keys, papers or notebooks.

The seats are firm and supportive, and the steering wheel (which is adjustable for reach and rake) helps





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you find a comfortable position. It's worth considering the optional and highly adjustable Comfort seats if you'll be doing big journeys regularly.

There's also been a huge update with the infotainment system.

The Vito gets the same 10.25-inch touchscreen and MBUX system found in the Mercedes eSprinter. There's also a full-colour 5.5in trip display for the instrument cluster.

The new centre console gets the option of wireless charging for smartphones and keyless start as well as a heated steering wheel. Other changes include new air vents and a new generation of capacitive hands-off recognition steering wheels that will help lead the way for a degree of autonomous driving.

## Passenger & boot space

The maximum payload capacity is up to 978kg, including the driver.

Mercedes has dropped the shortest body length, leaving Long (L2) and Extra Long (L3), which means the Vito can measure 5,140mm or 5,370mm, and carry maximum load lengths of 2,831mm and 3,061mm.

Despite now being 140mm longer than the previous-generation model, the Vito's load space remains unchanged, with load volumes of between 6m<sup>3</sup> and 6.6m<sup>3</sup>.

The lack of a high-roof option limits practicality compared with rivals. For example, the largest VW Transporter can move 9.3m<sup>3</sup> but still carry 1,061kg.

Twin sliding side doors are standard, and there are 180-degree twin doors at the rear.

## Buying & owning

Potential buyers of the Mercedes Vito will find that it's at the very top end

of the medium van segment for price.

The 114 and 116 CDI model is the most economical option, with official fuel consumption of 39.2mpg, while the more powerful 119 models return a still highly commendable 38.2mpg.

It has a multifunction steering wheel, cruise control, Crosswind Assist, Hill Start Assist, a speed limiter and 10.25in colour display for the infotainment system and 5.5in digital instrument cluster all included.

There's new additional safety systems with a driving assistance package that includes adaptive cruise control, 360-degree cameras and active speed-limit assist.

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# How to tell if your lawn is compacted

**C**OMPACTED lawns are more common than you'd think, and sadly, they can cause a host of other problems for your grass.

Luckily, there are a few tell-tale signs that your lawn is compacted. If a lawn is compacted, it means the soil beneath your grass is packed so closely together that there's very little room for air and water to penetrate and move freely amongst the grass roots. It's usually why gardeners find themselves looking for ways to improve lawn drainage.

Here's how to tell if your lawn is compacted...

## Poor drainage

If you've found yourself looking for ways to fix a waterlogged lawn after spells of heavy rain or tackling more puddles than usual, there's a good chance that the soil beneath your grass is compacted.

The most obvious indicator is poor drainage, where puddles or standing water remain on the surface long after it has finished raining. There are a few ways to

improve drainage in a garden more generally, such as by installing a French drain, but it's also wise to look at the overall health of your grass...

## Struggling grass

The easiest way to tell is by looking at how the grass is performing,' says Guy Jenkins, consumer manager at Johnsons Lawn Seed. 'If it's thinning and looking patchy, that's a clear warning sign'.

Some fast-acting grass seed, like Johnsons Lawn Seed Quick Lawn with Accelerator, from Amazon, is perfect if you're learning how to overseed your lawn in the wake of a compaction problem.

You might also notice that moss is beginning to take over, as moss thrives in the damp, airless conditions created by compacted earth.

## Hard ground

A more direct way to tell if your lawn is compacted is by testing the ground beneath your grass. That means evaluating how hard it feels underfoot or, more straightforwardly, giving it the fork test.

You might notice that the ground feels very hard underfoot, particularly in high-traffic areas, or that it's difficult to push a fork or garden tool into the soil.

The fork test as a simple way to confirm compaction, too. If the tines cannot easily penetrate at least five inches into the soil, the lawn is too dense and requires aeration to allow air, nutrients, and water to reach the roots.

If you suspect your lawn is compacted, it's a good idea to learn how to aerate your lawn. You can use a manual tool like the Crystals

Manual Grass Spikes Roller from Amazon, or even buy aerating shoes like these Greenkey Heavy Duty Aerating Shoes from B&Q.

A compacted lawn is an unhealthy one, so it's wise to add aeration to your list of April lawn care tasks.

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# Add a touch of Eastern elegance to your home

**B**EAUTIFUL and feminine are the key words of the emerging Eastern elegance trend.

This timeless Eastern-inspired look embraces gorgeous, flowing florals, luxurious wallpaper ideas and high-gloss finishes that add light and sophistication to a room. However, there are some tricks to making sure this look feels timeless, not gimmicky.

The trick lies in pairing it with modern shapes, nailing the colour palette and keeping things authentic where possible. Here are our tips for making this a look that will last in your home.

## Pair with modern shapes

If your wallpaper is detailed and decorative, keep your choice of furniture shapes and styles calm and unfussy.

Contrast traditional decorative wallpapers and fabrics with contemporary-style furniture to keep the look fresh, rather than fussy. Let one main pattern take centre stage, then introduce bold blocks of coordinating colours with statement upholstery or sleek cabinetry.

## Pick traditional florals

Use delicate, Eastern-inspired chinoiserie and blossom prints

on walls, headboards and soft furnishings to create an elegant, feminine feel. With trailing branches, birds, butterflies and blooms, these designs gently draw the garden inside.

**Styling tip:** Rather than mixing and matching patterns, using the same trailing design on the walls, headboard and cushion creates a tranquil-feeling bedroom. Pair with plain textured linen curtains and soft woven throws draped on the bed.

## Select your colour palette

Sticking to a gentle colour scheme of blush pinks, celadon and soft aqua tones makes an Eastern-influenced scheme feel modern. Break up these pretty shades with chalk, stone and warm whites on linen curtains, rugs and woodwork. A few black accents will add visual weight to the room.

**Styling tip:** A sculptural piece of furniture painted in a dark shade is the

perfect contrast to a soft pink wall to stop it feeling too sugary. Finish the look with a bold pop of teal.

## Add authentic accessories

Rather than creating an entirely themed room, incorporating one or two Eastern accessories into your scheme will make it feel more considered. A beautifully ornate glazed lamp base will add shine against a matt painted wall, while a woven tray will bring natural texture to a blossom-filled space. This is a beautiful look when styled with care.





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