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### Fresh Waterer

We've shown you how to make lamps out of detergent bottles, and now contributor Paul Schifino has given us an even brighter idea. After using every last drop of the soap, clean out the sudsy residue by rinsing out the container several times. Then, using a drill with a small bit, puncture 12 holes in the cap. You can cut a spigot-sized opening near the top of the bottle for easy filling, or just unscrew the top. Fill 'er up and feed your greens.

### In A Nutshell

When it's time to deliver a love note, ring, or other sweet nothing, make your case with a walnut shell gift box. First, find an older nut (fresh ones are harder to pry open without cracking). Start by separating the two halves carefully with any prying tool. (A butter knife works well.) Clean out the inside of each shell, making sure there's no residue left behind. Now cut a tiny strip of leather or other sturdy fabric and epoxy it to the outside of both half-shells as a hinge. Once the glue is dry, place your gift inside, close the shell, and deliver direct to their open palms.

### Groundskeeping

Next time you enjoy a steaming cup of Darjeeling or mocha java, share the satisfaction with your plants. Instead of chucking your tea bags and coffee filters, sprinkle the used grounds and leaves around stems before watering for a slow release of nitrogen, or dilute the grounds with water for a fast-acting fertilizer. To a five-gallon bucket of water add a half-pound can of wet coffee grounds, let it sit outdoors to cool, and feed your soil.

### Novel Idea

What better way to celebrate the breathless prurience of an old '50s-era potboiler than to give it a proper frame? Available for pocket change at used bookstores and tag sales, titles like *Untamed Woman* and *A Kiss of Danger* deserve to be read again and again. Contributor Anthony Discenza used a 36 1/2" x 13 1/2" frame from IKEA, carefully removed the pages with an X-acto knife, then attached them to the mat with double-sided tape.