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A Leather Garden Diary

A Year in the Garden

Plain-English User Manual

Welcome

This manual is designed to be read on screen or printed. It follows the diary from its cover through the main pages and finishes with a quick reference.

> ***Important:*** *Garden guidance is general. Identify plants correctly, read product labels, protect children and animals, and seek qualified advice where safety matters.*

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CHAPTER 01

Covers and first opening

• Choose one of four seasonal leather covers. Each has its own spring, summer, autumn or winter character without printing the season name on it.

• Tap the rounded leather clasp to open the diary. The whole cover should fit the phone without stretched lettering or a smaller cover inside it.

• The chosen cover remains in use until it is changed from the menu.

CHAPTER 02

The inside-cover menu

- The menu resembles handwritten black-ink plant labels set into a matching leather inside cover.
- It leads to Diary, This Month, Planner, Garden Jobs, flowers, fruit, vegetables, wildlife, remedies, equipment, garden care, cover choice and the back cover.
- Every content page has a clear route back to Menu.

CHAPTER 03

This Month

- This Month gathers timely flowers, crops, wildlife and jobs in one illustrated overview.
- Open a topic for more detail, then move useful work into Garden Jobs or the Planner.
- Weather, soil and location can shift gardening dates, so treat monthly suggestions as prompts rather than fixed rules.

CHAPTER 04

Diary pages

• The textured diary page shows date, conditions, forecast high and low, sunrise and sunset when available.

• Write in the main area. A seasonal watercolour sits near the lower-right corner without obscuring Previous or Next.

• Pinch outward to enlarge the page, drag while enlarged to move around it, and pinch inward to return.

• Previous and Next turn the whole right-hand edge. Occasional black-ink country sayings sit near the robin, leaving room to write.

CHAPTER 05

Planner and garden jobs

- Use Planner for work with dates. Add a title, start date, finish date and colour; ranges suit holidays and longer garden projects.
- Tap a day to expand its detail. Use Garden Jobs for shorter practical tasks and tick them off when completed.
- The garden wash is decorative and should never make task wording difficult to read.

CHAPTER 06

Flowers through the year

- Browse by season and month for prompts about sowing, planting, flowering, dead-heading, dividing and lifting.
- Compare every suggestion with the plant, your soil, aspect and local weather.
- A sheltered southern garden may be weeks ahead of an exposed northern one; frost dates matter more than the calendar alone.

CHAPTER 07

Fruit and vegetables

- The growing guides cover sowing and planting windows, routine feeding and watering, protection and likely harvest periods.
- Use them with the instructions on each seed packet and the requirements of the particular variety.
- Add personal observations to the diary so the guidance becomes more useful for your own garden each year.

CHAPTER 08

Pruning, lawn and soil

- Check a plant and its flowering habit before pruning. Some shrubs flower on old wood and others on new growth. Avoid disturbing nesting birds.
- Lawn reminders include mowing height, aeration, scarifying, feeding, patching and leaving some areas longer for wildlife.
- Record composting, mulching, soil improvement and beds that become especially dry or waterlogged.

CHAPTER 09

Wildlife garden

- Notice seasonal birds, the garden robin, pollinators, frogs, toads, hedgehogs and other visitors.
- Look before moving leaf piles, long grass, compost or logs, and check bonfires carefully before lighting.
- Provide clean water, keep feeders hygienic and choose varied flowers for a long nectar season.
- Do not disturb active nests. Seek suitable wildlife rescue advice for an injured or trapped animal.

CHAPTER 10

Remedies

- Start with correct identification, healthy growing conditions, hand removal, barriers, pruning, hygiene and natural predators.
- Use approved products only as their labels direct. Natural does not automatically mean safe or proven.
- Avoid salt, vinegar and washing-up liquid mixtures: they can harm plants, soil life, ponds, pets and wildlife.
- Traditional remedies are background information unless reliable benefit and safe use are clearly stated.

CHAPTER 11

Equipment and tool care

- Illustrated pages cover secateurs, shears, loppers, saws, spades, forks, hoes, rakes, hand tools, hosepipes, watering cans, water butts, gloves, barrows and mowers.
- Use the right tool, clean off soil and sap, dry metal parts, store safely, and sharpen or service cutting tools correctly.
- Add maintenance and replacement reminders to Garden Jobs.

CHAPTER 12

Weather, location and saving

• Allow location access while using the app. Today can then show local conditions and the available forecast high and low.

• If weather is unavailable, check Location Services, the app permission and the phone connection, then reopen today.

• To finish, choose Back Cover and touch the larger gold Frerin motif. The haptic and Safely Tucked Away glow confirm saving and return to the front cover.

Quick reference

What you want to do	Where to go
Change seasonal cover	Menu > Covers
Write today	Menu > Diary > Today
See current suggestions	Menu > This Month
Plan a dated job	Menu > Planner
Add a short task	Menu > Garden Jobs
Find growing guidance	Menu > Flowers, Fruit or Vegetables
Finish safely	Menu > Back Cover > Frerin motif

If something does not look right, return to the inside-cover menu, close the keyboard if it is open, and reopen the page. For weather, also check location permission and the phone connection.