



MICKFIELD HOSTAS



Hosta 'Totally Twisted'

This fabulous cultivar sums up how I wanted to present the plants this year, inviting show visitors to view them in a different perspective...

The hanging baskets have been extremely well received and have inspired visitors to consider growing their plants in an elevated position. Roy's lovely metal frames have set off the baskets and the whole scheme looks very different to what we have done before, I couldn't be more delighted with how well they look.

The RHS Malvern Spring Festival heralded the proper start to the show season as the weather in the run up, and at the show, was great. We feel the last two years has seen a return of the buzz, which always used to mark out Malvern as the best flower show of the season, long may it continue.

We are now fully immersed in the show season, with one day plant fairs every weekend until Gardeners' World mid month. We will be attending a new event for us at Moggerhanger Park, organised by the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Plant Heritage Groups, on June 3rd - check out our [calendar](#) for all the events we are attending this season and don't forget to take advantage of our pre-order service if you would like us to bring anything specific along.



RHS Malvern Spring Festival 2018

What a fabulous show we had - click on the image to view a video of our display, which received a Gold Medal, much to our delight.



Hosta in hanging baskets



Nursery update

Roy has finished moving all the large and giant varieties into the re-located collection tunnel and, what a surprise, there isn't any room to spare as the photo above shows. We'll have to wrestle with that problem later but at least they are now all under the protection of the horticultural netting and we can relax if we have any hail storms.

Mel has weeded the beds she planted up last autumn and the plants are looking well established already. Some are a little stunted due to the lack of rain but they are still thriving and will recover.

Hope you are all managing to get some garden time and we will report back at the end of the month, before heading off to Hampton Court.

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Why not, when they grow so well in containers.

Obviously you need to plant an appropriate size cultivar for your basket for best effect. You can always divide regularly to keep the plant in check.

I have used plastic containers with a weave effect texture, which I sourced online. Each has a plug-able drainage hole and a mesh insert to allow a reservoir of water if you are unable to water them for a while.

The larger coir lined baskets have a metal frame and would need a strong hanger to cope with the weight once planted up.

They are a great way to grow and display the miniature and small varieties that might otherwise get lost in a general planting scheme.