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Hanging Kokedama by Coraleigh Parker, published by Jacqui Small, \$45.

The word ‘kokedama’ describes both the thing and the art of making the thing: potless plants growing in a special soil mixture bound by moss and string. This new book (with photography by *homestyle* contributor Larnie Nicolson) tells in impressive detail how to achieve the intentionally imperfect yet undeniably beautiful results, in a process that turns out to be fun and also relaxing, as the wrapping part is very meditative. We’re taught how to give all kinds of plants – succulents, ferns, herbs and even trees – the kokedama treatment. Pick the appropriate types for use inside (try making a wall hanging with several tiny cacti) or out (picture a massive *Monstera deliciosa* dangling from the roof of your porch), and go to town with this manual as your faithful guide.



ABOVE Tropical plants make spectacular kokedama. Keep them in tip-top shape with regular misting and soaking. **TOP RIGHT** A pair of flowering *Odontocidium* orchids makes a striking statement in a bedroom.



IN BRIEF

The Flower Expert by Fleur McHarg, published by Thames & Hudson, \$55.

Thanks in part to having a form of synaesthesia that puts her in a unique position when working with colour, Melbourne-based Fleur has excelled as a florist for 25 years; her clients include Chanel and Hermès. Here she divulges everything she knows about creating next-level arrangements.



Farmlife, published by Gestalten, \$95.

All that pre-packaged food in our trolleys has us pretty disconnected from its origins, so we welcome this book, which takes us back to the beginning via conversations with growers, beekeepers, foragers and the like around the world. Their stories are paired with illustrations and recipes, creating a visual and literal feast.