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## Gardman Mini Obelisk

Versatile, ornate obelisk made from durable epoxy-coated steel for use in containers and borders. Spiked feet for secure fixing. Comes in two sections for easy storage.

● **Height** 1.5m (59in), with up to 25cm (10in) in the ground; base 20cm (8in) square  
● **Price guide** £21.95 for two; supplied by Ferndale Lodge. Also available: Black Coronet Obelisk, 1.8m (6ft) high. £32.95 for two



## Haxnicks Garden Maypole Plant Support

The ornate centre pole is made from sturdy powder-coated steel. The eight polypropylene strings are used to form the support framework using the eight galvanised steel anchor pegs. The pole comes in five sections and includes an anchor spike.

● **Height** 1.88m (74in), maximum width 1m (40in)  
● **Price guide** £19.99



## Haxnicks Container Maypole Plant Support

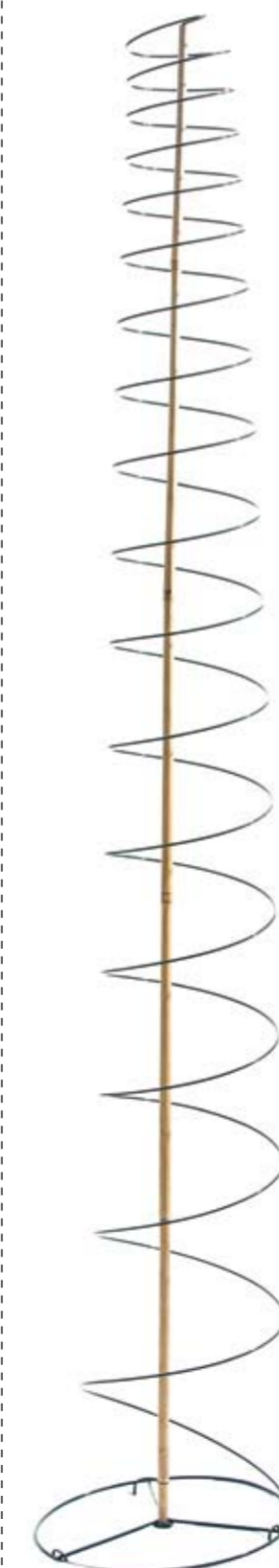
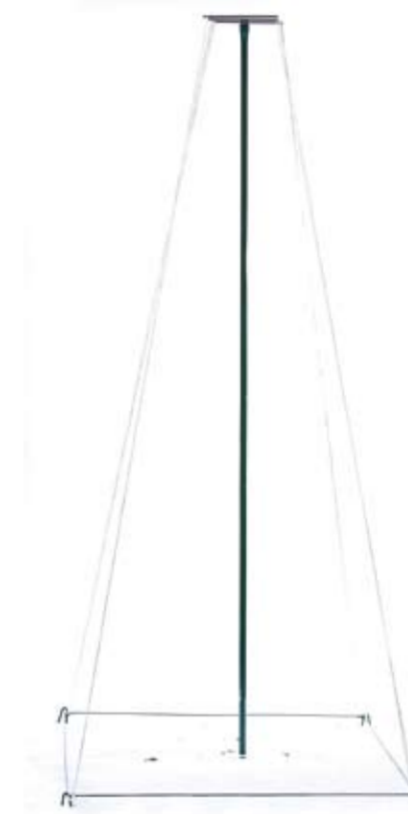
The ornate centre pole is made from sturdy powder-coated steel and designed to fit into a large container. The four polypropylene strings are used to form the support framework using the four galvanised steel anchor pegs. The pole comes in three sections and includes an anchor spike.

● **Height** 103cm (40½in), width 60cm (2ft)  
● **Price guide** £12.99

## Botanico Expanding Spiral Support Gardman Multi Spiral Plant Support

Expanding spiral support made from strong, epoxy-coated steel for use in containers and borders. You need to supply a bamboo cane or other vertical support. Includes three ground pegs to secure the spiral.

● **Height** Expands up to 1.5m (5ft)  
● **Price guide** Botanico £12.99 for two  
Gardman £7.99



## Parasene Weslon Growing Pole

Made from rust-proof galvanised tubular steel. The centre pole comes in three sections and anchor pegs hold the ground frame in place. The polypropylene string is used to form 10 supports between the ground and top frames on the pole.

● **Height** 2.31m (91in) high with 33cm (13in) in the ground; ground frame 96cm (38in) square  
● **Price guide** £17.99



## Two Wests & Elliott Growing Pole

Made from strong, rust-proof aluminium. The base frame is held in place with ground legs. The weatherproof nylon twine is used to form 24 supports between the ground and top frames.

● **Height** 2m (79in) high, with 30cm (12in) in the ground; base 90cm (3ft)  
● **Price guide** £26.75

## Harrod Horticultural Wax Wood Obelisks

Hand-woven, rustic supports made from Chinese wax wood. Life expectancy of at least five years.

● **Height** 1.92m (75½in) with up to 25cm (10in) in the ground; base 50cm (20in) diameter  
● **Price guide** £54.95 for two



## Plant Supports UK Obelisks

A range of ornamental steel obelisks in various styles, supplied either coated or rustic without coating as pictured.

● **Size** OBL06 (with the ram's horn finial) measures 1.74m (68½in) high by 40cm (16in) wide. OBL02 measures 1.58m (62in) high by 32cm (13in) wide. Other and larger obelisks are available on request  
● **Price guide**: OBL02 £19; OBL06 £19.95

## Suppliers

● **Botanico** 01905 791984 [www.botanicogarden.co.uk](http://www.botanicogarden.co.uk)  
Supplies direct to garden centres & stores  
● **Ferndale Lodge** 0844 314 0043 [www.ferndale-lodge.co.uk](http://www.ferndale-lodge.co.uk)  
● **Gardman** 01406 372237 [www.gardman.co.uk](http://www.gardman.co.uk)  
Supplies direct to garden centres & stores  
● **Harrod Horticultural** 0845 402 5300 [www.harrodhorticultural.com](http://www.harrodhorticultural.com)  
● **Haxnicks** 01747 861539 [www.haxnicks.co.uk](http://www.haxnicks.co.uk)  
● **Parasene** 0121 508 6570 [www.parasene.com](http://www.parasene.com)  
● **Plant Supports UK** 01584 781578 [www.plantsupports.co.uk](http://www.plantsupports.co.uk)  
● **Two Wests & Elliott** 01246 451077 [www.twowests.co.uk](http://www.twowests.co.uk)

# Supporting role to play

Geoff Hodge looks at ways to give climbing plants growing in pots and borders the support they deserve

Climbing plants are the perfect way to provide colourful height in the garden. But, of course, they need a support to climb up. Trellis and supporting wires are excellent for use against walls and

fences, and arches and arbours are great where you have the position and the room for them.

But what about plants in containers and when you want to create height elsewhere - say in the middle of a border? And what about annual climbers

- such as sweet peas and even runner beans and other climbing vegetables? That's when you need something different and more versatile.

So here's my round-up of a selection of great supports to achieve just that - just about anywhere in the garden.