

New products

# First look

We cast our expert eye over some of the new products that are available in garden centres and online now

## Darlac String Cutter £1.50 plus £1.95 p&p

**AVAILABILITY** Independent garden centres or [www.garden-gear.co.uk](http://www.garden-gear.co.uk)  
This nifty ring with attached blade fits on any finger and is safe to carry around. By looping string over the blade and pulling with your other hand, it cuts through poly twine and hessian string cleanly and without much tugging. You have to grip the ring onto your finger to stop it being pulled off and after a while

it left a red (but not painful) mark on our tester's knuckles. Also, thicker string clogged the blade at times, but it was easy to remove. Of course, it won't be able to cut through string tied tightly to a cane or trellis at the end of a season, but when tying in a lot of plants, it was certainly easier to use this string cutter than picking up and putting down scissors all the time.

**Our verdict** A handy and effective device

