

The image shows three conifer plants in dark brown pots, arranged in a row on a stone-paved surface. The plants are dense and green, with varying shades of green. The background is slightly blurred, showing more greenery.

# The Modern Day Conifer



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Conifers are a wonderful way of adding colour and shape to your garden. I'm a huge fan of British conifers and with this look book I hope to show you how diverse and modern they really are. Not all conifers are huge, fast-growing types. You'll be surprised at the variety of different shades, shapes and sizes of conifer, ranging from tiny dwarfs to magnificent trees – there really is a conifer for everyone.

Many of them change colour throughout the year, so you can achieve fabulous splashes of orange, blue or purple in autumn and winter when other plants are dormant.

Conifers are fantastically versatile. Use them in containers, as dramatic standalone features in the garden, to give height to borders, or create a formal look around a door. Their beauty is striking when frost or snow covers their shape in winter.

Most conifers are very easy to look after too. As long as they're planted in the right spot they only need a little pruning and watering.

## Lawson Cypress

CHAMAECYPARIS LAWSONIANA  
'MINIMA AUREA'

English Yew  
TAXUS BAOCATA  
'FASTIGIATA AUREOMARGINATA'



Lawson Cypress

CHAMAECYPARIS LAWSONIANA  
'MOONSPRITE'



Norway Spruce  
PICEA ABIES  
'OHLENDORFII'



Yellow Cedar

THUJA OCCIDENTALIS  
'DANICA'



Pfitzer Juniper

JUNIPERUS X MEDIA  
'GOLD STAR'

Lawson Cypress

CHAMAECYPARIS LAWSONIANA  
'GREEN PILLAR'



Serbian Spruce  
PICEA OMORIKA  
'NANA'



Bosnian Spruce  
PINUS LEUCODERMIS  
'SCHMIDTI'





Japanese Cedar  
CRYPTOMERIA JAPONICA  
'SEKKAN SUGI'



Yellow Cedar  
THUJA OCCIDENTALIS  
'YELLOW RIBBON'



Sawara Cypress  
CHAMAECYPARIS PISIFERA  
'CURLY TOPS'



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## White Spruce

PICEA GLAUCA ALBERTIANA  
'J.W. DAISY'S WHITE'



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