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I (and most of the gardeners I know) frown upon cheaply made gardening tools. Why buy or use something that I'm only going to have to replace next year? That would not only be frustrating, but a waste of resources. Until recently, I never really thought much about how my outlook on tools carries over to my thoughts on gardening footwear. But it does — and it should.

Now, I'm not going to lie: On some sunny days you may find me in my garden with no socks or shoes on at all. But when I'm out there doing real work (which is often), I usually wear gardening clogs. I've tried some cheaply made clogs before, and they weren't especially comfortable and didn't stand up to my heavy use at all.

For the past two years, however, my feet have finally found a home in some gardening clogs that feel like a dream and that I'm pretty sure will stand up to a lifetime of hoeing, broadforking, digging, weeding and walking. These clogs

