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Creating a Flower Bed

Today on Gardening in a Minute: creating a flower bed.

Flower beds are a fun and colorful element of many gardens. For your flower gardens to thrive, follow a few simple rules.

Keep your beds small, so that they're easy to change out with the seasons.

Prepare the soil by adding at least six inches of rich organic matter to our normally sandy soils.

For the most impact, use only one or two types of flowers in each bed. Choose plants with similar water and light requirements, and mulch your beds to minimize weeds and conserve moisture.

To provide the finishing touch, try edging your beds with bricks, flat stones, or colorful broken crockery.

There are flowers for every Florida season, so you can always have colorful flower beds to brighten your landscape!

For more information about creating flower beds, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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