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## **Marigold**

Today on Gardening in a Minute: marigolds.

The marigold, with its cheerful shades of yellow and orange, is a reliable Florida annual. French marigolds excel year-round while the large-flowered African types are best for spring.

The marigold will grow one to two feet tall, and needs full sun. The brightly colored flowers can be single or double. Try pairing them with plants that have dark-colored foliage to make the flowers really pop.

Marigolds are beautiful whether used in planters, mass plantings, or borders. They make great cut flowers and can be used in cooking for both color and flavor.

When using marigolds in mass plantings, place them at least a foot apart. They'll fill in to create a groundcover in an open bed or beneath a small tree.

For more information about marigold and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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