Courtyards

Today on Gardening in a Minute: courtyards.

Since ancient times, courtyards have served as intimate spaces tucked away from public view. Today, courtyards can extend your living space and provide you with a peaceful place to relax or entertain.

The plants and materials that are used in a courtyard define its style. Bold and simple design that complements the style of your house is best.

You can create visual interest by growing a vine up a trellis, or by grouping potted plants around the space. Consider installing a fountain so that you can enjoy the tranquil sound of bubbling water.

By adding a small tree or an awning, you can create shade and keep temperatures down.

Finally, don’t forget that you’ll need a place to sit down and relax in your beautiful outdoor room!

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

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