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Rosemary

Today on Gardening in a Minute: rosemary.

Rosemary is a pungent herb that's great for cooking and very easy to grow.

This evergreen shrub emits a spicy aroma from its small, needle-like leaves. You can dry the leaves or use them fresh in meals.

If you don't like the flavor, remember that rosemary is an attractive, drought-tolerant plant. It's best to start your rosemary from a cutting or to purchase a small plant from a garden center, as it can be difficult to start one from seed.

Your plant will need a sandy, well-drained soil and at least six hours of sun. Rosemary is originally from the Mediterranean, so it prefers dry conditions and suffers when watered too frequently.

Rosemary will thrive in Florida year-round, although it may need to be protected from the cold.

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

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