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## **Gifts from the Garden**

Today on Gardening in a Minute: gifts from the garden.

The garden is a convenient source of thoughtful, personal holiday gifts.

Gifts from the garden fall into three main categories: flowers, food, and decorations.

From your flower garden, make beautiful cut flower bouquets and arrange them with seasonal foliage. Or press the blooms, matting and framing them or using them to make beautiful notecards.

If you start early enough, you can preserve or can fruits and veggies from your summer or fall harvest. There's nothing like a gift of someone's favorite food during a time of year when it's normally not available. Or make pickles, jams, and chutneys.

Crafty gardeners can make functional folk art from foliage and other garden finds. Try your hand at creating wreaths from evergreen boughs and berries, or making bird houses from gourds.

For more information about gifts from the garden, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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