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Poinsettias

Today on Gardening in a Minute: poinsettias.

The poinsettia is a beautiful plant associated with the winter holidays. Poinsettias make great holiday decorations for any home, church, and workplace, and they're often given as gifts in late November and throughout December.

The showy portions of the poinsettia, which most people think of as the flower, are actually colorful leaves called bracts.

In addition to the traditional red, bracts can be pink, white, orange, and even purple. Poinsettia plants come in many sizes and their bracts come in a wide range of shapes.

Contrary to popular belief, poinsettias are not poisonous, although some people are sensitive to the sap, which contains latex.

With proper care, your poinsettia may stay colorful for months after the holidays end!

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