Snapdragons

Today on Gardening in a Minute: snapdragons.

Snapdragons are a traditional favorite for the garden, as kids of all ages love to squeeze the flowers, making them open like a dragon’s mouth.

Snapdragons are appealing annuals that come in a veritable rainbow of colors. They range in size from six inches to three feet tall, so you can select a variety that fits your landscape.

Plant snapdragons as weather cools in the fall. In North Florida, you may want to protect them on the coldest nights. They do best in soil amended with organic matter and prefer full sun.

Snapdragons make great borders and they’re beautiful when planted in groups. They are a long-lasting cut flower, and can even thrive in containers. Accent your snapdragons with pansies and alyssum for a cottage garden feel.

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

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