Thyme

Today on Gardening in a Minute: thyme.

Thyme is a perennial herb that comes in a wide variety of flavors, sizes, and even colors!

Thyme has small, gray-green leaves and produces tiny purple flowers. A common sight in herb gardens, thyme is also used in gardens for its ornamental value.

Start the plants from seed in early spring, or winter in south Florida. You can also purchase container grown plants almost year-round.

Space plants twelve inches apart, or use in containers, where it will spill over the edge. Replant thyme every three to four years for best growth.

To store dried thyme for cooking, remove the top third of the plant when flowers begin to form and dry away from heat and light. Store dried leaves in tightly closed containers to add flavor to your favorite recipes!

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

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