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## **Mediterranean Gardens**

Today on Gardening in a Minute: Mediterranean gardens.

If you've been dreaming of a trip to Tuscany, you might enjoy a Mediterranean style garden.

Mediterranean gardens use a silvery-green palette and often include drought resistant plants like rosemary, juniper, and yucca.

Lavender is also common, but it won't grow well in Florida. Try Russian sage for a similar look. If you enjoy edible plants, try planting fig, citrus, persimmon, or oregano.

Many Mediterranean gardens are centered around beautiful courtyards, often with elaborate fountains. If these major design elements are out of your budget, try grouping plants in terra cotta pots around your patio and using a smaller fountain. This can give you the look of a fancier courtyard for a fraction of the price.

Using these tricks, you'll be able to enjoy the Mediterranean without ever packing your bags!

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

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