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Pergolas

Today on Gardening in a Minute: pergolas.

A pergola is a structure that won't provide much shelter from sun or wind. So, why build one? Because it's a unique garden structure that allows you to enjoy the outdoors and remain sheltered.

Historically, pergolas have served double duty as sheltered gathering spaces and grape arbors. Today, the same design can be used to define a passageway, frame a focal point, or to bring an outdoor room to the garden.

Add a climbing plant such as trumpet vine and your pergola will provide color and shade as well.

Pergolas can link pavilions or be entirely freestanding, providing shelter and shade to a length of walkway.

Classic pergola designs often used stone, but modern pergolas are usually made from a weather-resistant wood and can be painted or stained to suit your landscape.

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

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