Topiary

Today on Gardening in a Minute: topiary.

Topiary is a specialized style of gardening where plants are clipped and trained to geometric or fanciful figures. It’s the ultimate in garden whimsy.

Topiaries can be made by pruning shrubs or trees into shapes. But today, the most commonly grown topiaries are built on wire frames. They are then filled with sphagnum moss, and finally planted.

Plant your topiary with English ivy, creeping fig, mondo grass, or many other choices.

While topiary are interesting garden additions, they require a fair amount of maintenance in order to have them develop to their full potential.

Once planted the topiary needs to be thoroughly watered. Never let it dry out.

Occasional trimming may be needed to keep them in bounds, and maintain the look you intend.

Add some whimsy to your garden with topiary!

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

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