Using Color in the Landscape

Today on Gardening in a Minute: using color in the landscape.

Everyone loves color in the landscape, but it can be overused, leading to visual chaos. Choose your colorful accents carefully and make them the focal point of your garden.

One option is to choose colors from the same family, like cool blue and purple or warm yellow and red. You can also pick colors for contrast, or simply choose a color you like.

Although annuals and perennials are popular, don’t overlook the flowers, foliage, and fruit of trees, shrubs, and vines as color sources.

Consider color not only in plants, but also in hardscape elements like arbors and brightly colored pots. These features can be painted or come in a variety of hues to complement plantings.

Remember that colorful accents can change with the seasons, so plan for color throughout the year!

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