Layers in the Garden

Today on Gardening in a Minute: layers in the garden.

Visualize a woodland forest with its canopy of tall trees, understory of woody shrubs, and smaller plants on the forest floor.

These unique layers create visual interest and also serve as habitats for specific forest creatures. You can use layers in your own garden to achieve the same effects.

To create layers, use the simple technique of transitioning from shorter plants to taller plants within a single bed. You can also try playing with plant color, texture, and form to make the different layers play against each other.

Creating layers in the garden also helps wildlife. Having a taller layer near a low birdbath will give birds a safe place to fly if a predator approaches.

By adding layers, you’ll make your garden more interesting for you and for wildlife.

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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