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Fabulous Ferns

Today on Gardening in a Minute: fabulous ferns.

Color is one way to add interest to your landscape, but don't forget about foliage. Ferns provide graceful textures, thanks to their fronds.

The native sword fern works great as a groundcover, spreading easily and requiring little maintenance.

For a truly impressive statement in the landscape, try planting a tree fern. These primitive plants are suited to Central and South Florida and can grow to between 15 and 30 feet tall!

Another favorite is the staghorn fern, so-called because of its distinctive antler-shaped fronds. It works well in hanging baskets or nestled in the trunk of a tree.

Ferns typically do best in shady, moist settings that are protected from freezes, so make sure that you have the right spot picked out before you plant them.

For more information about ferns, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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