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Maidenhair Fern

Today on Gardening in a Minute: the maidenhair fern.

The maidenhair fern makes a delicate, airy addition to shady spots in your landscape or inside your house.

The light gray-green foliage adds a soft feeling to the garden, especially around water features.

This fern is best used in mass plantings, but can also be used as an edging or specimen plant. And it makes an excellent groundcover, never getting taller than a couple of feet.

Like most ferns, the maidenhair fern needs above-average humidity and full or partial shade. It prefers moist soil with a lot of added organic matter and should be protected from the cold.

There are many kinds of maidenhair fern, so pick a type with foliage that most appeals to you -- or add several kinds to your landscape!

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

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