Ajuga

Today on Gardening in a Minute: ajuga.

Ajuga, or bugleweed, is a colorful and versatile ground cover that works well with many different gardens. It produces a profusion of dark green to bronze- or purple-colored leaves.

It tolerates a wide range of soil conditions, but needs partial or full shade to look its best.

Like most members of the mint family, ajuga’s vigorous growth may cause it to show up in unexpected places. Use edging material to keep it tidy or edge as needed. It spreads quickly with runners, and is easily propagated by division.

Ajuga produces short spikes of small blue flowers in early summer and is especially attractive in containers or massed as a groundcover.

Many cultivars are available, so you can select the ajuga that suits your garden the best.

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

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