Ornamental Gardening

Today on Gardening in a Minute, ornamental vegetable gardens.

Vegetables are not just edible, but also beautiful! They can be planted for their colors and textures as well as their flavors.

Swiss chard, basil, flowering cabbage, fennel, and several kinds of lettuce can all add color to your kitchen garden.

Some of the more colorful and popular plants are flowering cabbage and kale. Flowering kale has fancy ruffled outer leaves in pink, purple, green, or white. Flowering cabbage is similar, without the ruffled edge.

To avoid pest problems, plant kale only when it starts cooling off outside. Keep it well watered and in a sunny location. As it gets cooler, the colors of this plant will actually get bolder.

Take advantage of the many colorful varieties of beautiful vegetables to make your garden a little different!

For more information on ornamental vegetables, contact your local Extension office or visit gardening in a minute dot com.

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