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Ornamental Vegetables

Today on Gardening in a Minute: ornamental vegetables.

Vegetables aren't just edible—-they can also beautiful!

'Bright Lights' Swiss chard and purple cabbage can make colorful additions to your garden during the winter months. Bronze fennel, 'Red Giant' mustards, and several kinds of lettuce are also lovely, and delicious!

For interest and great flavor, try dinosaur or Tuscan kale with its knobby leaves, and Romanesco broccoli with its bizarre, but tasty, geometric heads.

To avoid pest problems, plant these veggies only during the cooler months. Keep them well watered and fertilized, and in a sunny location.

In warmer months, you can plant peppers, Chinese red beans, and colorful basils.

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

For more information on ornamental vegetables and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit gardening in a minute dot com.

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