

HERBS

HERBS - Most herbs grow best in a well-drained, moderately rich garden soil (average sandy soil with compost mixed in). Good drainage is extremely important and can be obtained by growing herbs in raised beds or by adding organic materials. To thrive, full sun is generally needed along with warm soil. Planting next to a house or using stone or brick as edging helps reflect and retain heat.

ANISE, Hyssop	H: 24-36"	Full sun	Perennial
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This gorgeous perennial is wonderfully fragrant. Its dense purple-indigo spikes bloom for a long time and are bee and butterfly magnets. Leaves and flowers can be used fresh or dried in salads and teas.

BASIL, African Blue	H: 24-36"	Full Sun	Annual
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Ornamental herb, a large bushy plant that has purple-veined green leaves and lavender flowers. Will often reach 3 feet in the garden. Flowers are sterile, so it puts more energy into bushy growth. Somewhat more cold tolerant than other basil. Flavor is milder and less spicy than Italian basil. Thought to be an accidental cross between a camphor-scented, 6 ft tall East African type and purple-foliaged Dark Opal, with its classic Italian flavor.

Basil, Amethyst Improved	H: 16-20"	Sun	Annual
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The darkest purple basil, almost black. Use as a lovely and tasty ornamental garnish, as an addition to salads and more. A choice Italian basil. Full sweet flavor and fragrance.

BASIL, Eleanora	H: 15"	Full sun	Annual
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This basil is the most mildew resistant of all basil plants. It also bolts slower than other basil. Was selected by the AAS as a plant of distinction in 2016. An award winner.

BASIL, Greek	H: 6-10"	Full sun	Annual
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This lovely little dome shaped topiary like basil only grows to 10" tall which makes it perfect for containers. It is our new and improved version of the Pluto Basil we have grown in the past. It is an heirloom basil that has been a favorite for adding to tomato dishes since the early 1900's. It is considered by many to be the best mini-basil. Every Basil collection needs some Greek Basil. Annual. *Ocimum Basilicum*

BASIL, Obsession DMR	H:	Full sun	Annual
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We are relieved to be able to offer this DMR or Downy Mildew Resistant basil out of Rutgers University. This variety is also resistant to fusarium wilt. It is a sweet basil type. Perfect for your garden or container. It grows vigorously and has dark leaves and high leaf to stem ratio. Annual. *Ocimum basilicum* 'Obsession' DMR

BASIL, Sweet Thai	H: 16-20"	Full Sun	Annual
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Native to Southeast Asia this basil has a slightly spicy, anise, clove, licorice flavor. The flavor holds even with high temperature or extended cooking time. Leaves are 2" long. It is the basil you want for Asian recipes. Annual. *Ocimum Basilicum*

CHIVES, Garlic	H: 12-18"	Full sun	Perennial
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Perennial. Flat, rather than tubular leaves with a mild garlic flavor. Clusters of star shaped white flowers can also be used as a garnish. Trim back blooms as they can self sow. Popular in Southeast Asian cooking.

CHIVES, Purly	H: 12-18"	Full Sun	Perennial
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Perennial. New variety with thicker leaves for better production, and classic lavender-purple globe-like flowers. Purly has an upright habit which looks great in mixed containers.

CILANTRO, Calypso		Full Sun	Annual
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Spicy herb for Mexican, Chinese and Indian cooking. Both leaves and seeds are used. This is a larger leafed, slow-bolting selection.

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HIBISCUS, Roselle	H: 24-48"	Full sun	Annual
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Makes a delicious summer tea! Known for its crimson beauty. It is gaining a reputation for heart health. Crimson stems, lobed leaves with red veins and pale yellow flowers with a large red calyx. The calyx is the delicious part. Flower buds begin to form as the days shorten in the fall. You may need to bring this lovely friend inside right before it begins to dip into the 50's at night to protect it from the cooler temps. Keep in a bright sunny window, this will allow the calyces to finish maturing for harvest. Annual. *Hibiscus sabdariffa* 'Roselle'

LAVENDER, BeeZee Power Blue	H: 12-15"	Full Sun	Annual
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The uniform compact plants makes this English Lavender an excellent variety for mass planting. Imagine a sea of blue lavender covered with happy bees. They work just as well in containers. Use in bouquets and for all the relaxing benefits for which lavender is known. Annual. *Lavandula angustifolia* 'BeeZee Purple'

LAVENDER, Big Time Blue	H: 24"	Full sun	Annual
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We are excited to add this very early blooming English Lavender to our selection. It is a vigorous plant with gray green foliage with large, purplish blue blossoms on fat spikes. Lovely in beds, borders, large containers and as a cut flower. *Lavandula angustifolia* 'Big Time Blue'

LAVENDER, Blue Spear	H: 11-13"	Full sun	Annual
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Showy big, tall spikes adorn this upright English Lavender. The stems stand close together to have huge impact from a distance. Easy to grow. Annual. *Lavandula angustifolia* 'Blue Spear'

LAVENDER, Hidcote Blue	H: 18:	Full Sun	Perennial
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Ornamental herb with deep purple flowers. Attracts bees and butterflies

LAVENDER, Munsstead	H: 12"	Ful Sun	Perennial
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Attracts bees and butterflies and other pollinators. Dwarf form with dense, bushy habit, narrow grey-green leaves, and pleasing dark purple blooms atop long spikes.

LAVENDER, Phenomenal		Full Sun	Perennial
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Attracts bees, butterflies and other pollinators. This groundbreaking lavender conquers many of the challenges to growing lavender. It refuses to die back in winter, tolerates extreme heat, resists rot and foliar disease and is deer-proof. Every gardener will love the early elegant blooms, silvery foliage and deep fragrance. It is phenomenal in borders, meadows, mass plantings and containers. Don't miss this "Must Grow Perennial"!

LAVENDER, Regal Splendour	H: 24-30"	Full sun	Annual
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Attracts bees and other pollinators. Plump rich violet blue flower heads topped with pinkish purple long flowers give a dramatic flair to any garden. The powerfully sweet fragrance of the foliage adds to the all around beauty of this Spanish Lavender, (also called French and Butterfly Lavender). It is a magnet for bees and butterflies. Use in a spectacular mass planting or for an eye-catching container addition. Don't forget to harvest it for baths, teas, and bouquets. Annual. *Lavandula stoechas* 'Regal Splendor'

LAVENDER, Super Blue		Sun - partial shade	Annual
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SuperBlue has the biggest blooms of any *L. angustifolia*. The color impact of the blooms is terrific with rich blue gorgeous spikes that are short, packed and highly aromatic. Tolerates heat and humidity. Excellent cold hardiness and landscape performance. Use fresh or dried. *Lavandula angustifolia* 'SuperBlue'

LEMON BALM, Orange Mandarin	H: 24"	Sun	Perennial	Z-4
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Imagine an orange scented Lemon Balm and you have Orange Balm. It has a spreading, mounding habit with five lobed dark green leaves. Use it for teas, infusions, potpourri. It is a must for your fragrant garden. Z-4 Perennial. *Melissa officinalis* 'Mandarina'

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LEMON BEE BALM (monarda)	H: 36"	Sun - partial shade	Annual
Hummingbirds, bees and other pollinators love this herb. Purple-lavender, tufted, whorled flowers bloom spring to late summer. Also known as lemon mint and lemon bergamot. Tolerates deer and drought. It makes a lovely tea. Annual. <i>Monarda citriodora</i>			
LEMON GRASS	H: 36-60"	Sun	Annual
Graceful long green leaves add an attractive contrast to other plants growing in the herb garden. Grows vigorously in heat and humidity. Popular in Southeast Asian cooking.			
MARJORAM, Golden	H: 12"	Sun	Annual
Crinkled golden leaves, tender perennial, white flowers.			
MARJORAM, Greek Compact	H: 3-6"	Sun	Annual
Subshrub with small round leaves. Compact habit. Lovely citrus-mint flavor. A favorite culinary herb in French cooking. Also used medicinally.			
MINT, Berries and Cream	H: 15"	Sun - partial shade	Annual
Dark green peppermint leaves smell and taste of berries and cream. Use finely chopped leaves in summer drinks or add to sauces and drizzles for deserts. Makes an excellent tea.			
MINT, Chocolate after Eight	H: 12"	Sun-partial shade	Perennial Z-4
A splendid chocolate-mint flavor on this trailing mint. What a perfect after dinner tea. Z-4 Perennial. <i>Mentha x piperita</i> 'After Eight'.			
MINT, JULEU			Perennial
A spicy spearmint that makes the perfect drink. Great for Mojitos, too.			
MINT, Mojito		Sun - partial shade	Perennial
A spearmint variety with a mild, warm, not too sweet flavor that makes it perfect for cocktails, confections and more Sun			
MINT, Peppermint	H: 12-36"	Sun	Perennial
Fragrant dessert, tea and jelly herb. Reddish stems, upright habit with purple blooms.			
MINT, Spearmint	H: 24"	Sun	Perennial
Milder taste than peppermint , more upright and paler green. Very fragrant, great for desserts and cocktails.			
MINT, Variegated Pineapple		Sun	Annual
Low growing cream and green variegated variety with delicious peppermint taste. This is the one they use for the green and white candy canes.			
OREGANO, Greek	H: 12-18"	Sun	Perennial Z-4/5
Usually perennial in our area. Strong-growing hardy culinary herb used in a wide range of cooking, especially tomato dishes. The small bushes cling to wild hillsides around the eastern Mediterranean, and the flavor of the leaves is essential to many regional cuisines. Clusters of tiny white blooms above mounds of fuzzy leaves.			
OREGANO, Hilltop	H: 18"	Sun	Perennial
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OREGANO, Hot and Spicy	Sun	Annual
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Great oregano for anyone that enjoys a lot of extra spice in their dish. Goes well in firey salsa and chile dishes.

OREGANO, Italian	H: 24"	Sun	Perennial	Z-5
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Tender perennial with excellent fragrance and a milder flavor than Greek Oregano.

OREGANO, Supreme	Sun	Annual
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This is the leading potted oregano variety in Italy. This is a highly aromatic oregano that is ideal for sauces, meats and dressings. It is even used in Italian pastries. Give this fantastic oregano a try.

PARSLEY, Favorit	H: 6-18"	Sun	Annual
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This double curled Parsley variety is sweeter and softer than other curled parsley. The leaves are dark green and curled and cupped on compact, upright plants. Both the flavor and mouth feel make it a terrific all around use parsley. *Petroselinum crispum crispum* 'Favorit'

PARSLEY, curled Forest Green	H: 15"	Sun	Annual
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Dark green with deeply curled leaves, great for garnish, traditional garden variety. Responds well to being cut back; new stalks are the best eating, especially after a hot or dry spell.

PARSLEY, Italian Large Leaf	H: 12-15"	Sun	Annual
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Flat green leaves and upright habit with stronger flavor than curly parsley, used in a large variety of cooking and salads. Our selection is an heirloom from northern Italy selected for improved flavor.

ROSEMARY, Prostrate	H: 6"	Sun	A annual
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Glossy green leaves with a trailing habit, fast growing, good for topiaries.

ROSEMARY, Tuscan Blue	H: 36"	Sun	Annual
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Very dark blue green leaves, upright habit, nice culinary fragrance and taste. Good choice to over winter inside.

ROSEMARY, Upright	H: 18"	Sun	Annual
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One of the most prolific of the large leaf varieties. Beautiful, spacious, upright rosemary. Also known as skewer rosemary as it can be used on skewers for barbecuing.

SAGE, Berggarten	H: 18"	Sun	Annual
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Broad rounded foliage with silvery accents, excellent flavor, ornamental and productive.

SAGE, Honey Melon	H: 24"	Sun	Annual
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This is a short pineapple sage that blooms early and lasts the longest of the *salvia elegans* varieties. It has bright red flowers beloved by hummingbirds. Put one in a container and watch the hummingbirds fly. Traditional medicine has used this in an herb tea to relieve anxiety and hypertension. Annual. *Salvia elegans* 'Honey Melon'

SAGE, Pineapple	H: 24-36"	Sun	Annual
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Sweet pineapple scent. Beautiful red flowers in late fall, right about the time of the first frost, attracts hummingbirds. Annual. *Salvia elegans* 'Scarlet Pineapple'

SAGE, Garden Grey	H: 12-24"	Sun	Annual
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Hardy, green leaf culinary selection. Good producer with excellent flavor.

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SAVORY, Lemon	H: 14"	Sun	Annual
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Also known as African Savory, this native to South Africa has a strong lemon flavor and aroma. It can be used in teas as well as chicken and fish dishes. Small rounded tender leaves. *Satureja biflora* 'Lemon'

SCENTED GERANIUM, Ciitronella	H: 24"	Sun	Annual
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The infamous mosquito repellent.

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The leaves have a delicious and refreshing taste that can be 10-30 times sweeter than sugar. This is a South American herb, used as a sweetener by the Guarani Indians for centuries.

TARRAGON, French	H: 36"	Sun	Annual
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Wonderful anise flavored herb with slender, pointed leaves of medium grey-green. Upright hardy perennial. Delicious with anything from chicken to mushroomss. Makes a fabulous pesto! Be sure to dry some for year round use. Annual. *Artemisia dracunculus*

THYME, English	H: 12-18"	Sun	Perennial
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A classic vigorous culinary variety. Tiny grey-green leaves add depth to soups and stews.

THYME, Foxley	H: 4-6"	Sun	Perennia Z-5
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Underused variegated creeping type that Teresa Mieseler and other herb growers consider the best culinary Thyme. The leaves are cream and green in a clean pattern. This is a 'must have' Thyme. Z-5 Perennial. *Thymus pulegioides* 'Foxley'

THYME, French	H: 10"	Sun	Annual
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A favorite culinary thyme. Petite grey-green leaves grow upright on woody stalks. Not as hardy as English. Annual. *Thymus vulgaris* 'French'

THYME, Golden Lemon	H: 6"	Sun	Perennial
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Variegated golden and green leaves. Very lemony fragrance and taste.

THYME, Cascata Lemonade	H: 4"	Sun	Annual
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Make some lemonade or hot lemony tea with this great lemonade scented thyme. It is a trailing thyme, that would be wonderful with fish and any other citrus loving meal. Annual. *Thymus citriodorus* 'Cascata™ Lemonade'

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