

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	Annual
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Dense purple -indigo spikes bloom for a long time and attract bees and butterflies. Leaves and flowers can be used fresh or dried in salads and teas. Zone 5

BASIL, African Blue	H: 12-24"	Full Sun	Annual
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A large, bushy plant that has purple-veined green leaves and lavender flowers. Flavor is milder and less spicy than Italian basil

BASIL, Ajaka Columnar	H: 20-30"	Full to Part Sun	Annual
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Tall , well branching, aromatic basil with spicy flavor and exceptional disease resistance. Blooms very late and tolerant to low temps.

BASIL, Amethyst Improved	H: 16-20"	Full Sun	Annual
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Large, 2-3" thick turned-down leaves, nearly black in color. Use edible flowers in any recipe that calls for basil, or to garnish drinks, salads, soups, pasta or desserts. Flavor is sweet and intense. Flowers make basil vinegar.

BASIL, Eleonara	H: 10-15"	Full Sun	Annual
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This Genovese type basil is bred to resist downy mildew. 3" leaves are slightly flattened and have a slightly spicy flavor. Selected as AAS plant of distinction in 2016.

BASIL, Greek	H: 6-10"	Full Sun	Annual
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Heirloom basil that has been a favorite for adding to tomato dishes. Considered to be the best mini basil.

BASIL, Lemon	H: 15"	Full Sun	Annual
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Narrow leaf that offers strong lemony flavor and aroma. Add to bouquets for beauty and fresh lemon fragrance. A chef's favorite.

BASIL, Obsession	H: 26"	Full Sun	Annual
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Resistant to Downy Mildew and fusarium wilt. It is a sweet basil type. Vigorous grower, high leaf to stem ration.

BASIL, Sweet Thai	H: 16-20"	Full Sun	Annual
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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. Fabulous in salads.

CHIVES, Garlic	H: 12"	Full Sun	Perennial
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This perennial has broad flat leaves with a mild garlic flavor. The white flowers can be used as a garnish. Becoming common in our kitchens as both a garlic substitute and for their antioxidant properties.

CHIVES, Purly	H: 12"	Full Sun	Perennial
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Extra sturdy leaves with purple, globe-like flowers in spring. Great for container herb garden.

CILANTRO, Calypso	H: 12-18"	Full Sun	Annual
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Spicy, aromatic herb for Mexican, Chinese & Indian cooking. Stocky, well-branched plants produce unbelievable yields of fragrant leaves packed with flavor. The more you cut, the more new leaves grow. Slow to bolt.

LAVENDER, Blue Spears	H: 11-13"	Full Sun	Annual
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Showy big, tall spikes on a upright English Lavender. Stems stand close together to have huge impact from a distance.

LAVENDER, Ellagance Purple	H: 12"	Full Sun	Zone 5
Masses of fragrant purple-blue clossoms on mounds of silver-green foliage. Blooms mid summer through early fall. Plant in drifts or containers. Zone 5			
LAVENDER, Hidcote Blue	H: 18-24"	Full Sun	Zone 5
Noted for long lasting-sweet scent. Highly aromatic, smaller variety of common lavender with darker flowers. Prized for ability to retain scent long after dried out. Blooms can be used to flavor salads, desserts, drinks and stews. Its oils are used for calming effects. Needs well-drained soil.			
LAVENDER, Munstead	H: 12"	Full Sun	Zone 5
Munstead is one of the hardiest lavenders. Beautiful grey green leaf and soothing dark purple blooms It is a dwarf variety.			
LAVENDER, Phenomenal	H: 24-32"	Full Sun	Zone 5
The "Must Grow Perennial" of 2013. Tolerates extreme heat and humidity and is resistant to diseases and deer. Bright blue blooms with strong fragrance. Great for heavy blooming in spring in borders, meadows and mass plantings. Needs well-drained soil.			
LAVENDER, Super Blue	H: 10-12"	Full Sun	Zone 5
Color impact of these blooms is terrific with rich blue gorgeous spikes that are short, packed and highly aromatic. Tolerates heat and humidity. Use fresh or dried.			
LEMON BALM, Lemon	H: 24"	Full to Part Sun	Perennial
The strong lemon flavor and fragrance of the rih gree, oval shaped leaves makes this herb a favorite for flavoring ice cream, teas and drinks. Great with fish. Easy to grow. Known as a mosquito repellent as well as medicinal herb. Prefers cooler temps and part shade, but will grow in full sun.			
LEMON BEE BALM	H: 36"	Full to Part Sun	Annual
Hummingbirds, bees and other pollinators love this herb. purple lavender, tufted, whorled flowers bloom spring to lae summer. Also know as lemon mint and lemon bergamot. Tolerates deer and drought. it makes a lovely tea.			
LEMON GRASS	H: 36-60"	Full Sun	Annual
Fast growing, fragrant herb with the scent of lemons. Best when used fresh. Cut and crush the top leafy part for tea or select the bottom part of the stalk for food flavoring. Repels mosquitoes and deer resistant.			
MARJORAM, Golden	H: 6"	Full Sun	Annual
A low growing plant that makes a nice border or ground cover. Has thin, gray-green leaves which keeps its flavor when dried. Pick leaves just after flower buds appear but before they open, removing no more than a third of the plant. After leaves have dried, remove from stem.			
MARJORAM, Greek Compact	H: 3-6"	Full Sun	Annual
This is the best culinary marjoram. Sweet bushy compact habit. Lovely citrus-mint flavor. A favorite culinary herb in French cooking. Used medicinally for indigestion, headaches and stress Zone 5			
MINT, Chocolate	H24"	Full Sun	Zone 5
Bronzy, peppermint-like foliage with strong chocolate scent. Lilac flowers but cut buds just before bloom. Plant can be invasive so keep contained. Likes moist soil. Harvest plant just before it blooms when flavor is most intent. Cut plant just above the second set of leaves. Three harvests a year.			
MINT, Julep	H: 16-24"	Full Sun	Zone 5
Keep soil moist. Harvest tips regularly before flowers bloom. Snip off buds. Harvest by cutting the whole plant off just above second set of leaves. Spicy spearmint flavor good in punch, lemonade, tea, mojitos, mint julep drinks, fruit salads, and lamb. Freeze mint in cubes for iced drinks. Can be invasive.			
MINT, Mojito	H: 2-3"	Full to Part Sun	Zone 5
A spearmint variety with a mild, warm, not too sweet flavor that makes it perfect for cocktails, confections and more.			

MINT, Peppermint	H: 12-36"	Full to Part Sun	Perennial
Tastes like peppermint. Traditionally used for making candy canes. Peppermint has a cool, menthol tone compare to the mild sweetness of spearmint.			
MINT, Spearmint	H: 24"	Full to Part Sun	Perennial
Milder and sweeter taste than peppermint. More upright and paler green. Very fragrant Great for desserts and cocktails.			
MINT, Variegated Pineapple	H: 12"	Full to Part Sun	Perennial
Lovely green ad creamy white wooly leaves. Good mint flavor with a distinct pineapple fragrance.			
OREGANO, Greek	H: 12-18"	Full Sun	Zone 5
Strong growing, hardy culinary herb used in a variety of cooking, especially tomato dishes or pizza. Great for drying leaves. Begin harvesting when plants have reached 4-5" and cut stems all the way back to the ground to encourage a fuller plant. Also looks good in rock gardens or as a ground cover.			
OREGANO, Hilltop	H: 18"	Full Sun	Perennial
This is one of the best culinary oreganos according to many herb growers. With a good autumn mulching it is known to survive our winters. Great oregano flavor, easy care, and hardy characteristic and beauty.			
OREGANO, Hot and Spicy	H: 24"	Full Sun	Zone 5
Pungent oregano for anyone that enjoys extra spice in their dish. Goes well in fiery salsa and chili dishes.			
OREGANO, Italian	H: 24"	Full Sun	Zone 5
Tender with excellent flavor and milder than Greek oregano. Harvest leaves just before bloom when flavor is most intense. Dry leaves for longer storage.			
OREGANO, Supreme	H: 12"	Full Sun	Zone 5
This is the leading potted oregano variety in Italy. It is a highly aromatic oregano that is ideal for sauces, meats and dressings. It is even used in Italian pastries.			
PARSLEY, Forest Green	H: 15"	Full Sun	Annual
Dark green with deep curled leaves. Classic garnish and soup ingredient. Attracts Black Swallowtail butterflies.			
PARSLEY, Italian Large Leaf	H: 18"	Full Sun	Annual
Large flat green leaves with upright habit and stronger flavor and more nutritious than curly. Harvest as needed, but regularly, so plant keeps sprouting new stems. Likes moist, well-drained soil.			
ROSEMARY, Blue Spires	H: 36-48"	Full to Part Sun	Annual
Upright, beautifully branching covered with small blue flowers. Cut it for a vase or for a meal. Bring it indoors in the winter and you'll have rosemary year round. Gray green foliage.			
ROSEMARY, Prostrate	H: 6"	Full to Part Sun	Annual
Glossy green, leathery needle-like leaves with a trailing habit. Fast growing. Great for topiaries. Drought tolerant. Attractive to bees, butterflies and birds			
ROSEMARY, Spice Island	H: 10"	Full to Part Sun	Annual
Broad green leaves combine with upright form to make a beautiful and delicious Rosemary.			
ROSEMARY, Tuscan Blue	H: 36"	Full to Part Sun	Annual
Very dark blue-green leaves. nice culinary fragrance and taste. Good Choice to winter over inside. Upright habit.			
ROSEMARY, Upright	H: 48"	Full to Part Sun	Annual
One of the most prolific of the large leafed varieties. Beautiful, spacious upright rosemary. Also known as skewer rosemary since it is used for flavorful barbecue skewers.			

SAGE, Honey Melon	H: 24"	Full Sun	Annual
This is a short pineapple sage that blooms early and lasts the longest of the <i>Salvia elegans</i> varieties. It has bright red flowers beloved by hummingbirds. Put one a container and watch the hummingbirds fly. Traditional medicine has used this in herb tea to relieve anxiety and hypertension..			
SAGE, Pineapple	H: 24-36"	Full Sun	Annual
Sweet pineapple scent. Beautiful red flowers in late fall, attracting hummingbirds. Can be over-wintered indoors. Likes moist, well-drained soil. Muddle with lime juice for use in teas or cocktails or chopped-up on fruit salads.			
SAGE, Garden Grey	H: 12-24"	Full Sun	Perennial
Hardy, green leaf culinary selection. Good producer with excellent flavor.			
SAGE, Grower's Friend	H: 24"	Full Sun	Annual
Red stems with larger bright green leaves is tasty and lovely. Grow in your garden or containers.			
SAVORY, Winter	H: 6-12"	Full Sun	Zone 5
This small leaved plant is easy to row. More pungent than summer savory, the peppery tang makes it a good fit with beans. Also works well with pork and poultry.			
TARRAGON, French	H: 36"	Full Sun	Perennial
Anise flavored herb with slender leaves of medium gray green. Dry and keep for later use. Drought tolerant and likes well-drained soil. Cut back browned foliage in spring to make way for new growth. Avoid drying in heat so as to preserve oils. Harvest in fall. Great with eggs, poultry, fish, salads, cheese, mushroom, peas and pesto. A 'must-have' for Sauce Béarnaise. Makes excellent herb flavored vinegar.			
THYME, Doone Valley	H: 2-4'	Full Sun	Annual
Ground hugging form that is extremely fragrant. Works well as foliage in container plantings. Repels mosquitoes. Will tolerate some walking on. Great for fairy gardens. Drought tolerant and deer resistant.			
THYME, English	H: 12-18"	Full Sun	Perennial
A classic and vigorous culinary variety. Tiny grey-green leaves add depth to soups and stews			
THYME, Foxly	H: 4-6"	Full Sun	Zone 5
Underused variegated creeping type that herb growers consider the best culinary Thyme. The leaves are cream and green in a clean pattern. This is a 'must have' Thyme.			
THYME, Golden Lemon	H: 6"	Full Sun	Annual
Drought tolerant, likes well-drained, poor soil. Variegated gold and green leaves with great lemony fragrance and taste. Use in clam chowder, stews, salads, meat dishes, pizza sauce and marinades. Attracts honeybees			
THYME, Lemon	H: 12"	Full Sun	Annual
Compact upright that resembles English Thyme and adds a refreshing lemon scent.			

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