

Just about every dish tastes better with fresh herbs and there's no better way to get fresh herbs than to grow them yourself. Nature's blossom' herb kit will provide you with everything you need to sow & grow your own beautiful (and tasty) herb garden.

Your kit contains the following components:

Biodegradable
growing Pots



X5

ideal for seed starting. The pots can be planted directly into the ground at a later stage.

Peat Soil
Discs



X5

Made from a unique mixture of peat and coconut. Expands 6-7 times of its original size when watered. Ideal soil mixture for seedstarting.

Plant
Markers



X5

Allows you to label each pot. Write the seed's name and sowing date.

Seeds:
1 Packet Each

Basil



Pre sowing instructions: None.
Time to germination: 10-15 days.
Time to harvest: 67 days.
Best sowing season: Sow seeds indoors 6-8 weeks before the last frost in spring.
Watering: When the soil begins to dry out. Keep soil moist but not saturated.
Required sun: At least 6-8 hours a day.

Sage



Pre sowing instructions: A day before sowing the seeds, soak the seeds in hot water for 24 hours. The seeds will absorb the water and swell. This process will improve the chance for germination.
Time to germination: 14-21 days.
Time to harvest: 120-180 days.
Best sowing season: Sow seeds indoors 8-10 weeks before the last frost in spring.
Watering: When the soil begins to dry out. Keep soil moist but not saturated.
Required sun: At least 6-8 hours a day.

Thyme



Pre sowing instructions: None.
Time to germination: 14-21 days.
Time to harvest: 150-200 days.
Ideal sowing season: Sow seeds indoors 6-8 weeks before the last frost in spring.
Watering: When the soil begins to dry out. Keep soil moist but not saturated.
Required sun: At least 6-8 hours a day.

Parsley



Pre sowing instructions: A day before sowing the seeds, soak the seeds in hot water for 24 hours. The seeds will absorb the water and swell. This process will improve the chance for germination.
Time to germination: 14-21 days.
Time to harvest: 60-90 days.
Ideal sowing season: Sow seeds indoors 8-10 weeks before the last frost in spring.
Watering: When the soil begins to dry out. Keep soil moist but not saturated.
Required sun: At least 6-8 hours a day.

Cilantro



Pre sowing instructions: None.
Time to germination: 14-21 days.
Time to harvest: 60-90 days.
Ideal sowing season: Sow seeds indoors 6-8 weeks before the last frost in spring.
Watering: When the soil begins to dry out. Keep soil moist but not saturated.
Required sun: At least 6-8 hours a day.

Once you are ready to sow & grow one or more of the seeds in the kit, follow this step-by-step guide to achieve best possible results.

1 Prepare your work space

- Step 1 - Before you begin, read carefully the information about the specific seed you are about to sow from the previous page. Make sure to check for presowing & special instructions, if there are any. You can find online the expected last frost date based on your ZIP code. Following these instructions will increase your success rate.
- Step 2 - Grab a plant marker from the kit, and write the seed's name and current date on it. We recommend using a black marker. Keep it nearby, you will use it soon.
- Step 3 - Take one of the biodegradable growing pots and place it in your work space. Notice that the pots have drainage holes at the bottom, so you might want to place it on a water resistant surface.

2 Expand the peat soil discs

- Step 1 - Grab a big bowl and place one soil disc inside it.
- Step 2 - The soil discs expand faster when in contact with hot water. Heat 1-2 litres of water to approximately 122°F; This is the ideal temperature for expansion.
- Step 3 - Pour half a glass of the heated water directly on top of the soil disc. This will soften the dry surface tension around the disc.
- Step 4 - Add small portions of water to the bowl (not directly on the soil disc), and watch how the soil expands. Repeat this process until the soil disc reaches 6-8 times its original size.
DO NOT touch the disc while adding water as it can break inside the bowl. This process should take 5-10 minutes. To make sure the disc has reached its full size, gently touch the soil to look for any hard, unexpanded pieces.
- Step 5 - Let the expanded soil cool down for a couple of minutes before sowing the seeds. Gently squeeze the soil to remove excess water.

3 Sow the seeds

- Step 1 - Gently break the soil using your hands and place it inside the biodegradable pot until it is almost full. Keep a small portion of soil aside you will use it to cover the seeds after you sow them.
- Step 2 - Pour the entire content of the seed packet into the palm of your hand. Some of the seeds may be very small, so be careful not to drop them. Using your other hand, grab 10-15 seeds and gently sprinkle them evenly across the pot's surface. If your packet arrived with more seeds in it, you can keep the extra ones in a sealed envelope or a plastic bag and store it in your refrigerator or freezer for future use. Don't forget to label it.
DO NOT sow more seeds than instructed in one pot. If you do, it will harm the chance for germination and proper plant growth.
- Step 3 - Cover the seeds with the remaining soil you kept aside. The seeds should be covered with ¼ - ½ inch of soil.
- Step 4 - Gently tighten the top layer of the soil to make it a bit flatter and firmer.

Well done!!

What's Next?

After the seeds germinate, when the seedlings reach 3-4 inches in height, they will start competing with each other for space, water, sunlight and nutrients. In order to allow your seedlings to grow bigger and stronger, they will need more space. You can do so by "thinning" the weaker ones to create more space for the stronger ones to continue their growth. Simply take a pair of kitchen scissors or garden shears and cut the weaker looking seedlings' stems right at the soil level, leaving the remaining stronger ones spaced about 2 inches apart.

Once thinned, and when the seedlings are strong enough to handle, you may leave your plants to grow in the biodegradable pot and place it next to a window or any other place that is exposed to a lot of sunlight . Alternatively, you can transplant the entire pot directly into the ground of your garden, a window box or a larger pot.

IMPORTANT If you decide to transplant the pot outdoors, the seedlings need to be slowly introduced to the elements of wind and intense sun. You can do so by placing the pots outdoors in a semishaded area of the yard for 2-3 hours a day. Gradually, you will increase the time plants are kept outdoors and their exposure to the sun. After 6 to 8 days, these plants will be ready for the outdoor life.

Additional tips:

- **SEEDS LOVE SUN.** The herb seeds in this kit need at least six to eight hours of nondirect sunlight per day in order to grow. Place the growing pots next to a window or any other place that is exposed to a lot of sunlight. Give the growing pot a quarter turn each day to prevent the seedlings from developing weak, elongated stems.
- **KEEP THE POTS IN A WELL-VENTILATED AREA.** This will help prevent diseases caused by Fungi, Bacteria and Viruses.
- **AVOID FROST.** During the winter, if the temperature in your area reaches below 32°F, place the pots indoors. However, if you already transplanted the plants outdoors, you can cover them with a tarp or an old blanket, or alternatively build a simple greenhouse to help your garden make it through those tough months.

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