

CAN I GROW IN CONTAINERS?

Growing in containers is a great option if you have limited space, want to start small or just like the aesthetic of containers.

1 SELECT A CONTAINER & CHOOSE YOUR CROPS

Select a container and make sure it has holes in the bottom. You'll need a container large enough for the mature size of your crop. Generally, large containers (18 inches or more in diameter) are needed to grow most crops and only one or two plants will fit (example kale, broccoli, collard you could only fit two plants). You may be able to add smaller varieties like lettuce or herbs around the larger plant. As a general rule, use the spacing needed for that crop to judge. For example, kale needs 12-18 inches, so a container at least 12 inches in diameter is ideal. If the container is too small, the plants won't have enough space. You may be able fit more than one crop in a container, but don't crowd the plants too much or the plants won't have the space and nutrients needed to grow.



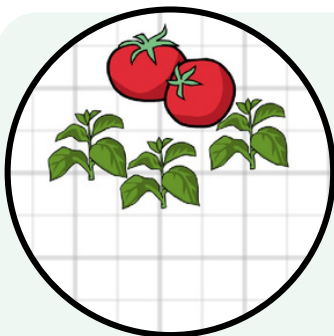
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2 FILL WITH SOIL

Using containers, you want to make sure you have good drainage, so we would recommend 50% potting soil and 50% compost for a container mix.

3 PLANT & MAINTAIN

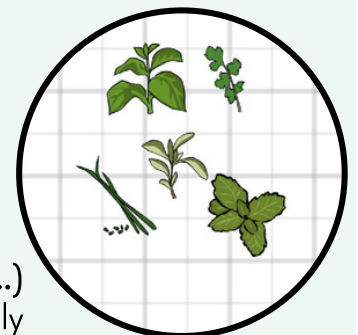
Plant your crops and water your plants immediately after planting for best results! Containers also tend to dry out quicker, so you may need to check more frequently to keep them watered. Containers should be kept outside in a sunny location.



Container with Tomato & Basil

1 tomato (preferably a determinant variety, meaning it only grows so tall) planted from transplant. 3 basil plants spaced at 8". You can begin to harvest tomatoes and basil around 70 days later!

These designs are for a 18-24" container



Container with Herbs (Basil, Oregano, Chives, Mint, Cilantro...)

Choose the herbs you want to plant based on recipes or culturally relevant dishes you hope to make. Many herbs can be grown from either seed or transplants, like basil and chives. Oregano and mint would be best grown from transplant and cilantro is best grown from seed.



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