

Baby **SPROUT** Edu

Step One - Setting up

It's time to start planting your seeds! Things might start to get a little messy.

Step One - Fill planter an inch below brim



Step Two - Place 2-3 Seeds on top of soil



Step Three - Cover Seeds in 1/4 inch of soil



Step Four - Dampen soil with water



Pro Tip: Make sure the layer of soil is light so the herbs can sprout!

Check here to see when your seeds will sprout.



Herb	Days until germination
Oregano	7-14
Parsley	20-30
Cilantro	7-10
Basil	5-10
Chives	7-15
Mint	10-14

Step Two - Growing

What to do as your plant is growing:

Watering

- Water your plant daily: about once or twice a day.
- Each watering, gently dampen your soil.

Pruning

- If you are growing **Basil** or **Mint**, you must prune your plant.

Herb	When to Prune	How to Prune
Basil	Plant is 6-8 inches tall, and has 3-4 set of leaves.	Cut top of main stem (as shown in the photo).

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Mint	Plant is 6-8 inches tall, and has 3-4 set of leaves.	Cut top of main stem (as shown in the photo).



Step Three - Find a spot

The location of your plant should include:

1. Good air circulation
2. Full or partial sun
3. Temperatures between 55-85 °F (13-30 °C)

Pro Tip:

- Parsley, Cilantro, Mint, and Chives all thrive in environments with less sun!



Example location.

Step Four - Harvest 101:

Time to harvest your plants!

How and when to harvest

Herbs take around 40-50 days to fully grow. However, harvesting instructions times are specific to each type of herb:



- Start picking the leaves of **Basil** as soon as the plants are 6 to 8 inches tall.
- Remove only a couple outer leaves by cutting at the stem of the leaves.



- Begin picking **Chives** when the stalks are at least 6 inches tall.
- Cut about 1/4 of the stalks.



- Harvest **Mint** when it grows to 3 to 4 inches tall.
- Cut about about 1/4 of the stalk from the stem.



- Harvest **Oregano** once the stems are at least four inches tall.
- Pluck a couple of leaves off the stems.



- Harvest the **Cilantro** leaves when the plants are 4 to 6 inches long.
- Pick a couple of leaves off individually.

And that's it. Enjoy your herb garden! — the MintBox team