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Growing your own...

# herbs

## When to plant?

Spring

## When to harvest?

Late Spring - Summer

## Where to plant?

Soil beds or containers in warm, sunny spots.



## Growing your own... herbs.

Food tastes better when it's been seasoned with herbs you've grown yourself. Not only is it fun, but it's quick, easy and cheap too.

*What you will need:*

**Large terracotta pot**

**Gardening gloves**

**Watering can**

**Trowel and fork**

**Herb seeds**

**Compost**

*What to do...*

1. Seeds should be planted indoors. Sow in seed trays or individual small pots, filled with multi-purpose compost. Make sure you sprinkle a light layer of compost over the seeds.
2. Water moderately after planting to keep the soil moist. This must be done throughout the growing period.
3. When the seedlings are large enough to handle, transfer them to a larger container by hand. If it's something like chives that grow in a clump, move to a bigger pot in one go.
4. In the early summer, your seedlings can be moved outside. This can be done either by simply moving the pot or transferring into a soil bed, just as long as there is no threat of frost.
5. After around 3 weeks, you can start to pick the leaves as and when you want them. To do this, carefully cut using a pair of scissors.

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## TOP TIP

*"For garden growing, plant your herbs in a big pot that has been sunk into the ground. You'll have more chance of keeping them under control."*

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