

Herb a'licious

Getting the best from your herbs

Mint

Spearmint



Transplanting

Transplant seedlings once large enough to handle to 15cm pots. Acclimatise and plant out once danger of frost has passed. Can be invasive so restrict root run by keeping in pots. Pinch out growing tips of young plant to encourage bushiness and vigorous growth. Flowers will attract pollinators.

Harvest

Harvest leaves when large enough and harvest regularly to promote further growth. Mint can still be harvested after flowering but the flavour will not be as strong.

Chives

Allium Schoenoprasum



Transplanting

Transplant seedlings when large enough to handle to 8cm pots. Acclimatise and plant out once danger of frost has passed with 30cm spacing. Water well during dry periods. Chives are ideal for edging paths and borders and also make an excellent companion plant, deterring pests such as carrot root fly

Harvest

Harvest both flowers and stems. Will die off in autumn and re-emerge in spring.

Basil

Sweet Genovese



Transplanting

When large enough to handle transplant seedlings into larger pots. Water moderately at root level, avoid splashing leaves. Plant near tomatoes to improve their flavour and basil also helps deter whitefly.

Harvest

Harvest basil leaves from the top of the plant regularly when required to promote new growth. Pinch out any flowers as soon as they appear to prolong the harvest period.

Thyme

Thymus Vulgaris



Transplanting

When large enough to handle transplant seedlings into larger pots. Pinch out the growing tip of small plants to encourage a bushier plant. Thyme will grow almost anywhere in containers, rock gardens, borders, and even cracks in paving. Ideal for creating low, matt forming ground cover that will attract bees to the tiny, pink blooms.

Harvest

Harvest sparingly in the first year. Cut and use fresh as required or dry in small bunches by hanging until dry.

Parsley

Italian Giant



Transplanting

When large enough to handle transplant seedlings into larger pots. Seedlings should be spaced 20cm apart to allow for growth. Parsley makes a useful, low maintenance addition to herb garden.

Harvest

Parsley can be harvested all year round. Harvest leaves regularly to promote further growth. Parsley can also be dried or frozen. Flat leaf parsley is one of the most popular herbs for culinary use as a garnish, flavouring sauces and pastry, and particularly tasty with fish.