

BASIL



FACTS

Grow Zone: 10 - 11

Family: Lamiaceae

Genus: Ocimum

Native To: India, Iran, Central & Southeast Asia, Central Africa

Mature Height: 6" - 24"

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Type: Herbaceous perennial

Growth Habit: Upright

Foliage: Green, simple opposite, flavorful leaves

Flowers: White, purple or blue flowers, blooming in clusters on inflorescence

Propagation: Seeds, Cuttings

Why We Love Basil:

Basil is an herb from the mint family that is used in cuisine around the world. The flavors of basil leaves range from sweet to citrusy to licorice. Basil can thrive in containers, making it easy to grow this tender, warm-weather annual either outdoors or indoors. One robust plant can provide over a ½ cup of basil leaves per week!

LIGHT

Full sun. Warm season crop, cannot handle frost.

Needs bright indirect light if grown indoors.

WATER

Thrives with even moisture, water when top 1 - 2 inches are dry.

Slow and deep is better than shallow, frequent waterings.

SOIL

Well-draining, loamy soil with neutral pH.

Benefits from a 4-4-4 or 10-10-10 fertilizer every 2 - 4 weeks, especially in containers.

FYI: Stressors, pests or drought can cause basil to "bolt," or produce flowers prematurely. Regularly prune away the flowers if you want your basil to maintain its flavor and stay lush with foliage.

INTERESTING VARIETIES:

- Ocimum basilicum (Sweet Basil)
- Ocimum basilicum 'Genovese' (Genovese Basil)
- Ocimum basilicum minimum (Greek Basil)
- Ocimum basilicum 'Purpurascens' (Purple Basil)
- O. basilicum var. Thyriflora (Thai Basil)
- O. × citriodorum (Lemon Basil)
- Ocimum tenuiflorum (Holy Basil)
- Ocimum micranthemum (Peruvian Basil)

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