

Deluxe Herb Set

Item #: DHGS-845

Planting and Care Instructions



Contents:

3 Seed Square Terrariums
3 Compressed Germination
Disks
3 Herb Plant Stakes, 1 each
herb
3 Color Seed Packets, 1 each
herb
Instructions

Deluxe Herb Garden

Grow three of the most popular herbs in a set of three high-quality seed squares. These beautifully designed and constructed containers are perfect for growing delectable herbs in. Additionally, they can be stacked on top of each other while sprouting. Once the plants grow the tops can be removed, and used as pedestals for the planters! This kit include Basil, Oregano, and Parsley seeds. These useful and tasty herbs are fast to sprout and easy to grow. The seed kit includes everything you need, just add water! Seeds are guaranteed to sprout and grow!

Planting Instructions

You will plant all three herbs in their Seed Squares in the same way. Plant one kind of Herb in each terrarium.

Place compressed germination disk inside the colored base of the terrarium and slowly add 1 cup of water. The germination disk will absorb the water and expand into your growing medium.

Use a plastic spoon to aerate and mix the soil up. Add up to another $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of water if necessary to create moist soil.

Gently push down the growing medium and smooth out. The growing medium should be well moistened but there should not be any pockets of standing water.

Spread your seeds on the surface of the soil. Gently push them into the soil about $\frac{1}{8}$ " and cover with the medium. Plant them $\frac{1}{2}$ inch apart.

Put the top on your planted greenhouse and place it in bright, indirect light where it will not be easily knocked over.

The seeds will sprout in one to three weeks.

Keep top of container on until the leaves start hitting the sides and top. While the top is on, you will need to add water every week or two.

If you want them to grow quickly, remove top two weeks after sprouting and water every three days.

You can put the base on top of the top and the top will serve as a pedestal for the planter.

They will thrive indoors in full sun. You can tell when they need water as the container will be much lighter.

PLEASE TURN SHEET OVER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Care and Growing Instructions

If it appears to be too wet inside, you can take the top off for a few hours to a day to let it dry out some. When the top is in place properly, you will need to add very little water as all the water stays in the system and is recycled.

If mold or algae appears, you should remove the top and let it dry out. The next time you add water, use a 1 to 50 mix of hydrogen peroxide and water to prevent it growing in the future. This is about one capful to 7 ounces of water.

Rotate your terrarium on a weekly basis so the plants grow evenly.

You can fertilize, use houseplant fertilizer diluted to half the recommended strength. Only apply in the spring and summer months.

Remove any dead foliage in the terrarium.

Herb Uses in Cooking

Basil- sprinkle fresh leaves on fresh tomato slices, spaghetti sauce, on omelets, and fish.

Oregano- use dried on pizza and in Italian sauces.

Parsley- used fresh or dry to season meats, egg, fish, or vegetable dishes.

Herb Information

Basil

It is one of the most popular herbs grown today. There are actually many different kinds of basil plants: Some have green leaves, some have purple leaves, some are small, some are large, and some even have ruffled edges. The leaves are used to make Pesto sauce. The oil is used in perfumes and aromatherapy.

Oregano

This herb is used in a variety of Turkish, Palestinian, Syrian, Greek, Portuguese, Spanish, Philippine and Latin American cuisines. The leaves are more flavorful when used dry! It is high in antioxidants and contains carvacrol, a natural antiviral and expectorant. It is also added to baths to soothe muscle aches!

Parsley

This herb is used in many recipes and considered to be an essential part of any herb garden. You can make tea from freshly dried sprigs of parsley by microwaving in a cup of water for one minute. Parsley tea is known to be a good source of iron.

What are Terrariums?

Terrariums, a favorite since the 1800s, continue to enjoy popularity today. Creating a terrarium is easy, fun, and inexpensive. Care is minimal and they can go for months without water under proper conditions. Also, a wide variety of plants can be grown that would normally fail in the dry, drafty environment of the average home. Avid gardeners celebrate terrariums as a way to extend their gardening season all year long.

How Do Terrariums Work?

Terrariums are a self-contained environment. Once planted, they need nothing from the outside except a little indirect sunlight; they can even go without water for a long period of time. Moisture in the terrarium evaporates from the soil and plant leaves, condensing on the roof and walls. The condensed water drips down, re-moistening the soil in a continual closed-loop process. The atmosphere inside is jungle-like, with high humidity, warm temperatures, and no drafts—perfect conditions for many of the tropic-native houseplants that are common today. As long as the terrarium's top is sealed, this process can continue for months or even years.

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