

# ORGANIC HERB GARDEN

Growing Instructions

Hortiki Plants Eco-friendly Seed Starting Kits



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Hortiki Plants is here to truly support your gardening journey.

This is just the beginning!

If you need additional support let us know! Share pictures of your plants and get specific feedback. Hortiki is always here to help!

# RELAX. YOU ORANGE IN THIS ALONE.





#### COCONUT COIR PELLETS

Soak seed starter pellets in warm water for 5 minutes to expand. Remove, squeezing lightly to drain excess water.

### PLANT SEEDS

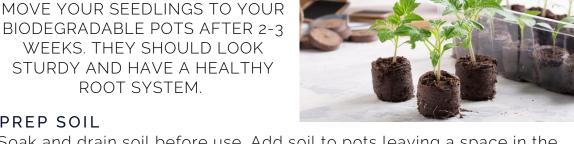
Plant one to three seeds per pellet. Use your water catchment trays as germination flats. Place starter pellets in the trays and keep in a warm area. (Label your trays to keep track of what's growing!) Save other seeds for future plantings.

#### CARE FOR YOUR SPROUTS

Mist coconut coir pellets as needed. Make sure your coir pellets never dry out completely. If your air is very dry the pellets may need more water. Try putting them in a shallow pan with water. The pellets will continuously soak up water from the bottom. Add water to the pan whenever it is dry.

As soon as your seedlings start to appear move them to an area with lots of light. If your seedlings are growing long and thin they are not getting enough light.

BIODEGRADABLE POTS AFTER 2-3 WEEKS. THEY SHOULD LOOK STURDY AND HAVE A HEALTHY ROOT SYSTEM.



# PREP SOIL

Soak and drain soil before use. Add soil to pots leaving a space in the middle for your seedling.

# PLANT SEEDLINGS

Place one seedling per pot. You do not need to remove the netting from the seed starter pellet. The roots will grow through the netting and it will biodegrade over time.

Cover your plant with soil, leaving an inch of space at the top of your pot. This extra space will prevent overflow when watering.

# GROW HAPPY PLANTS

Keep your pots in the sunniest spot you have. The more light your plants have, the better they will grow. South and west spaces will get the most light. Water every 1-2 days or when the soil feels dry one inch below the surface.

### **BIODEGRADABLE TRAYS**

The biodegradable trays in your kits are a great, biodegradable alternative to plastic trays. They will protect surfaces from dampness. However, because of their plant based construction, long periods of standing water can damage trays.

Water plants in the sink or safe outdoor space. Let drain fully before placing back in water catchment tray.

#### TRANSPLANT

When your plants get too big for the starter pots that came in your kit, move them to larger containers.

\*Upcycling Tip - Transplant into used plastic

containers (1/2 gallon and larger) that you would otherwise throw away. Make sure to clean containers well and add holes to the bottom for drainage.

(Do not use old containers that contained harsh/toxic chemicals or paint).



STAKE

If your plants starts to lean, gently tie stems to stakes as they grow.

Use fallen branches or purchase gardening stakes.

# HARVEST

Harvest when plants are mature by snipping leaves or stalks with sharp scissors.

Be careful not to harvest more than 60% of your plant at a time so that your plant can continue to rejuvenate.

If growth slows down, stop harvesting for a few weeks to allow more growth.

#### VIDEO TIPS

Find tips on growing your specific herbs on HortikiTV.
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# HERBED WHIPPED BUTTER

# Ingredients

1/2 cup butter, softened 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese 1 tablespoon minced fresh herbs 2 garlic cloves, minced Salt and pepper to taste

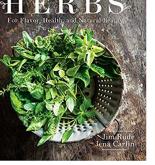
# Directions

Beat all ingredients until blended. Store, tightly covered, in the refrigerator.



## **FUN FACTS +**

At your next outdoor dinner, add herbs such as basil, lemongrass, peppermint, and lavender to your table arrangements for gorgeous and effective insect repellents.



Fun Read:

Herbs for Flavor, Health, and Natural Beauty by Jim

Rude and Jena Carlin

# Did you know the U.S.A. has a National Herb Garden?!

Maintained in Washington, D.C. as part of the National Arboretum, the 2.5 acres herb garden includes annuals perennials, trees, shrubs, vines, and even aquatic plants that have culinary uses.

Herbal Tea technically isn't tea since it doesn't contain the leaves of the tea plant. The herbal infusion you drink is actually a tisane

# YOU♥ SMALL BUSINESSES♥ YOU

Hi! My name is Dr. Victoria LeBeaux.

I'm the founder of Hortiki Plants and I truly appreciate your support for small business! Here's a little bit about Hortiki Plants' mission to share love in all that we do. You power this mission and Hortiki Thanks you!



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