

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How long does it take to grow?

A: Basil seeds take 7-14 days to sprout, cilantro seeds take 12-21 days to sprout, and parsley seeds take 14-30 days to sprout. They will be ready to start harvesting in 2+ months. Mint seeds take 7-14 days to sprout, and will be ready to start harvesting in 3+ months. Oregano seeds take 10-14 days to sprout and will be ready to start harvesting in 2-3 months. Sage seeds take 7-14 days to sprout, and will be ready to start harvesting in 2+ months. Continuous harvesting will encourage a bushy plant and greater yield.

Q: How long will it last?

A: A basil plant will continue to grow with sufficient nutrients and light; however, after 3-6 months it will develop a wood stem and the leaves will become a bit bitter.

A cilantro plant will continue to grow with sufficient nutrients and light; however, as the plant ages it will have a tendency to bolt (go to seed). Picking off flowers and preventing exposure to temps above 75 will minimize this.

A mint plant will continue to grow with sufficient nutrients and light. Plant can be continuously harvested for 6+ months. If flowers appear pick them to prevent plant from going to seed.

An oregano plant will continue to grow with sufficient nutrients and light. Harvest entire stems just as plants are coming into bloom, cutting back to about 2" above the base of the plant. An established planting can be cut back two to six times during the growing season.

A parsley plant will continue to grow with sufficient nutrients and light. Plants can be continuously harvested for 6+ months. If flowers appear pick them to prevent the plant from going to seed.

A sage plant will continue to grow with sufficient nutrients and light.

Q: How much sun will it need?

A: Herbs require at least 6 hours of direct light daily, and should be put in an unobstructed window that faces south, west or east (southwest is the best option). During winter months—or if you don't have an unobstructed window—you can supplement with a grow light.

Q: Can it be put outside?

A: Garden Jars are designed for indoor use, but can be put outside. Be mindful that the planter does not have a drain hole, and if the reservoir floods it may drown the roots. Bring your Garden Jar inside if temps dip below 55⁰ or above 80⁰.

Q: How is it reusable?

A: The stainless steel net pot and recycled glass grow medium can both be reused— simply rinse with hot water. Add new seeds and use soil or coco pith to help seeds germinate. Use a water soluble fertilizer and follow its instructions.

Q: How do passive hydroponics work?

A: Passive hydroponics is a method of growing plants without soil. A combination of an inert porous growing medium and a wick transports water and nutrients to the plant roots via capillary action. The nutrient solution (water and fertilizer) are held in a reservoir and taken up as needed, providing the perfect balance of water to oxygen.