

## The herb garden

Planting schedule (half blocks indicate early or late in the month)

	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer
Thyme	■		■	■
Basil			■	■
Coriander	■		■	■
Parsley	■		■	■
Chives	■		■	■
Dill			■	■
Mint	■	■	■	■
Garlic	■	■		
Oregano	■		■	

Herbs are generally easy to grow and maintain and are a simple way to add flavour to your food.

You can buy seedlings, when in season, from nurseries and they are easily transplanted into larger pots, allowing you to move them close to the kitchen for easy access while cooking. You can also buy large wooden barrels in which to grow a variety of herbs. Herb barrels look wonderful. If you choose a terracotta pot be aware that it will absorb some water from the soil, so the herbs may need more water.

Herbs need good drainage and plenty of water. A simple way to save water is to collect the cold water that runs through the tap or shower head while you are waiting for the hot water. This will give you more than enough water to maintain a great herb barrel.

Herbs also do well inside on a kitchen window sill. Put them outside every now and then if the foliage starts to yellow. Also check that they are draining well if this occurs.