

Basil

**Method:**

Raise seedlings

When:

Spring (or after frost) and summer

**Hardiness /
Life Cycle:**

Frost tender
Annual

Germination:

5-10 days at
18-35°C

Basil, (*Ocimum basilicum*), also called sweet basil, annual herb of the mint family (Lamiaceae), grown for its aromatic leaves. Basil grows a thick, central taproot.

- **Native to tropical regions**
- **Culinary herb**
- **Can be used fresh or dried**

Depending on the variety, plants can reach between 30 cm and 150 cm (0.9-4.9 ft). Its leaves are richly green and ovate, but otherwise come in a wide variety of sizes and shapes depending on cultivar. Leaf sizes range from 3 cm to 11 cm long (1.1-4.3 in), and between 1 cm and 6 cm wide.



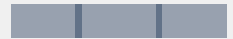
Sowing Depth:

2 mm



Plant Spacing:

30 cm



Plant Height:

40 cm



Position:

Full sun, moist well drained soil

**Days to Maturity/
Flowering:**

50-90 days