

# container gardening with basil cheat sheet



## plan

- **Plant:** Basil (Sweet Basil: mint and spice aroma)
- **Space & Light:** Place your plant in Full sun
- **Container:** Get a medium container (20 qt/18 liters) with drainage holes at the bottom (min depth min 8 in/20 cm)
- **Soil:** Choose a well-draining mix for container gardening
- **Fertilizer:** organic liquid fish fertilizer (higher in nitrogen)
- **Watering Can:** Get a 3 gal/11 liter for containers

## plant

- **Fill the container with soil** (right below the rim of the container)
- **Dig hole** deep enough to cover the entire root ball
- **Gently remove plant** from the pot
- **Use both hands** to place the plant in the soil
- **Use one hand** to hold the plant in place, other hand to cover the entire root ball with soil
- **Water gently** and evenly after planting



## grow

- **Water:** Water regularly (but don't overwater)
- **Fertilize:** Apply organic liquid fertilizer when you start planting and mid-summer.

## care

- Loves full sun and hot temperatures
- Bring indoors if temps fall below 50 degrees F
- Snip a few leaves for cooking
- Pinch off an inch of the tips and it becomes bushier



## harvest

- Approx 80–85 days from plants
- Snip leaves for sauces, salads, and main dishes
- Grows 12–24 in or 30–60 cm tall at full maturity