



# container gardening *guidebook* COOL-WEATHER HERBS



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# 01

## growing parsley

Start planting: early spring + autumn

Start harvesting: spring, summer - autumn

Start with: plants

Needs: morning sun + some afternoon shade



# Step 1

## *plan*



- **Plant:** Parsley
- **Space & Light:** Place your plant in full sun / partial shade
- **Container:** Get a medium container (12 in/ 30cm wide) with drainage holes at the bottom (min depth 12in/30 cm for soil depth of 8 in/20 cm)
- **Soil:** Choose a well-draining mix for containers
- **Watering Can:** Get a 2-3 gal/8-11 liters for containers





# SHOPPING

## checklist



### **Plant**

Pick up one parsley plant. Check the bottom of the pot for healthy roots (not dried out)



### **Container**

Get a medium container (12 in/ 30cm wide) with drainage holes at the bottom (min depth 12in/30 cm for soil depth of 8 in/20 cm)



### **Soil**

Get a large bag of well-draining, organic potting mix for container gardening (30 dry quarts/ 28 liters)



### **Garden Gloves + Trowel**



### **Watering Can**

Get a 2-3 gal/8-11 liters

**Pro tip:** Shop at your local garden center (not big home stores) for quality products and knowledgeable staff; only buy what you don't have

# Step 2

## 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



# Step 3

## *grow*



- Water Parsley regularly.
- Before watering, touch the soil. If it's moist, don't water.
- To avoid overwatering, watch before you water.



# Step 4

## *care*



- Parsley is low maintenance
- Good Pests (swallowtail butterfly larvae: colorful yellowish-greenish caterpillars) will munch a little and move on
- Leave them alone to nibble (although you may be tempted to pluck them off)
- Good news, they smell bad to predators which helps deter predators from your containers
- They'll fly away with their beautiful black wings and a dab of yellow and blue





# Step 5

## harvest



- Harvest 40-60 days from plants
- Snip the oldest leaves first; 2-3 leaves for tonight's dinner
- Grows 12-18 in or 30-45 cm tall



# calendar notes...

Plant name:

Planting date:

Days until harvest:

Harvest date:



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# 02

## growing cilantro

Start planting: early spring + autumn

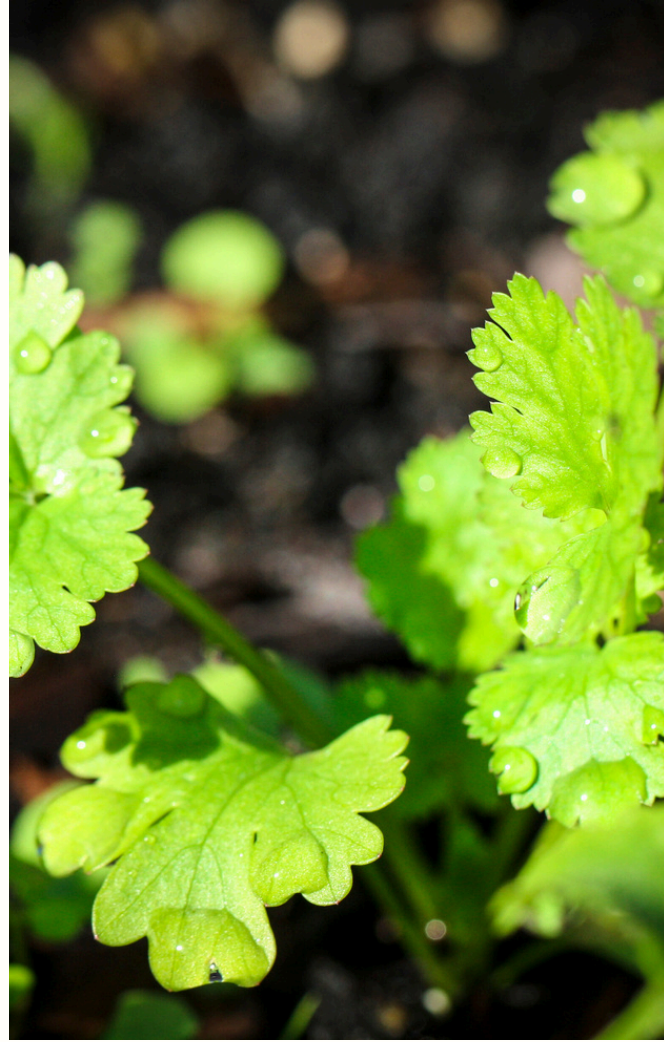
Start harvesting: spring, summer - autumn

Start with: plants

Needs: full sun



# Step 1 *plan*



- **Plant:** Cilantro (choose a slow bolt variety)
- **Space & Light:** Place your plant in full sun
- **Container:** Get a medium container (12 in/ 30cm wide) with drainage holes at the bottom (min depth 12in/30 cm for soil depth of 8 in/20 cm)
- **Soil:** Choose a well-draining mix for containers
- **Watering Can:** Get a 2-3 gal/8-11 liter for containers





# SHOPPING

# checklist



## **Plant**

Pick up one cilantro plant (slow bolt variety). Check the bottom of the pot for healthy roots (not dried out)



## **Container**

Get a medium container (12 in/ 30cm wide) with drainage holes at the bottom (min depth 12in/30 cm for soil depth of 8 in/20 cm)



## **Soil**

Get a large bag of well-draining, organic potting mix for container gardening (30 dry quarts/ 28 liters)



## **Garden Gloves + Trowel**



## **Watering Can**

Get a 2-3 gal/8-11 liters

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# Step 2 *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



# Step 3

## *grow*



- Cilantro loves water so water regularly.
- Before watering, touch the soil. If it's moist, don't water.
- To avoid overwatering, watch before you water.



# Step 4

## *care*



- Low maintenance herb when it's kept watered
- Harvest leaves often





# Step 5

## harvest



- Harvest approximately 45 days from plants
- Use before weather warms up and it bolts (turns to seed)
- Snip the oldest leaves first; 2-3 leaves for tonight's dinner
- Grows 12-18 in or 30-45 cm tall



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Plant name:

Planting date:

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Harvest date:



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# 03

## growing chives

Start planting: early spring + autumn

Start harvesting: spring – early summer; autumn

Start with: plants

Needs: full sun



# Step 1

## *plan*



- **Plant:** Chives
- **Space & Light:** Place your plant in full sun
- **Container:** Get a medium container (12 in/ 30cm wide) with drainage holes at the bottom (min depth 12in/30 cm for soil depth of 6 in/15 cm)
- **Soil:** Choose a well-draining mix for containers
- **Watering Can:** Get a 2-3 gal/8-11 liter for containers
- **Fertilizer:** Use a balanced fertilizer





# SHOPPING

# checklist



## **Plant**

Pick up one chives plant. Check the bottom of the pot for healthy roots (not dried out)



## **Container**

Get a medium container (12 in/ 30cm wide) with drainage holes at the bottom (min depth 12in/30 cm for soil depth of 6 in/15 cm)



## **Soil**

Get a large bag of well-draining, organic potting mix for container gardening (30 dry quarts/ 28 liters)



**Fertilizer:** Get a balanced, organic liquid fertilizer



## **Garden Gloves + Trowel**



## **Watering Can**

Get a 2-3 gal/8-11 liters

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# Step 2 *plant*



- Fill the container with soil (right below the rim of the container)
- Dig hole deep enough to cover the bulb and half of the white lower stem
- 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 bulb and half of the white lower stem with soil
- Water gently and evenly after planting



# Step 3

## *grow*



- Apply a balanced fertilizer once a month (mix in with water in watering can); follow directions on the bottle
- Water: Before watering, touch the soil to be sure it's not moist.
- You don't want to overwater. Water regularly when needed.



# Step 4

## *care*



- Water regularly and apply fertilizer monthly during the growing season.
- Pests: Aphids. Take your container to your sink or tub and wash them off with a strong stream of water.





# Step 5

## harvest



- Harvest approximately 30 days from plants
- Use scissors and cut a few stems at the base for tonight's dinner
- Grows 12 in or 30 cm tall



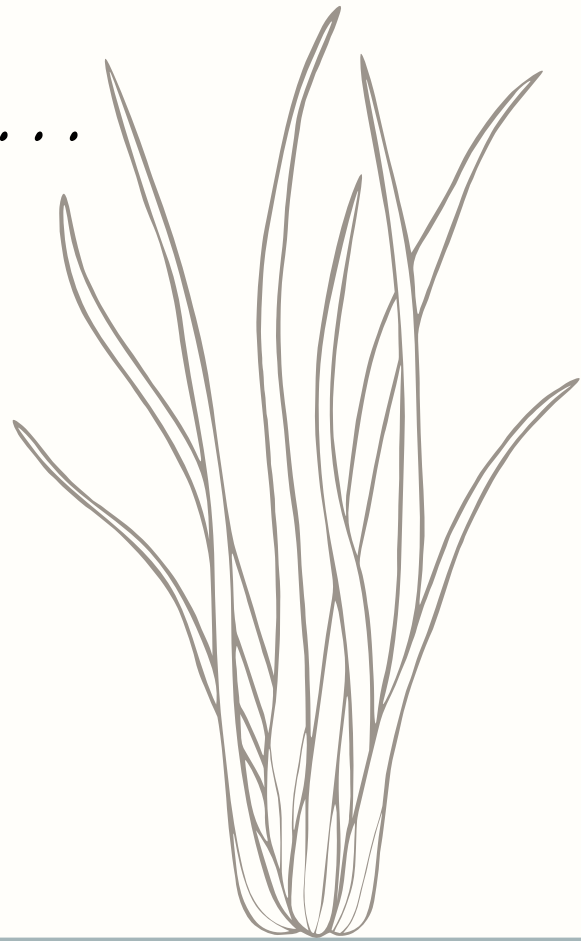
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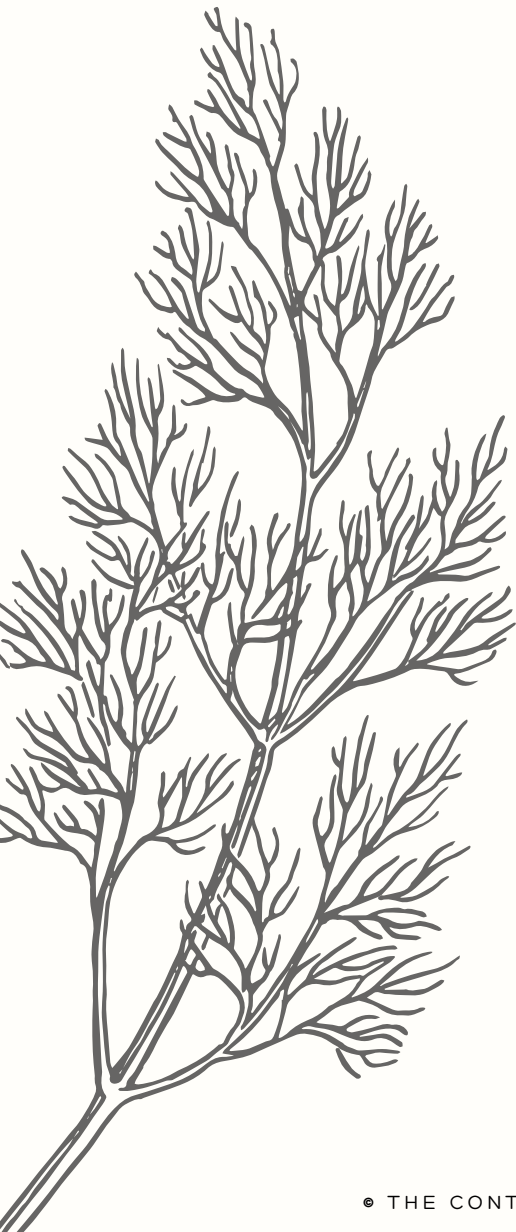
## growing dill

Start planting: early spring + autumn

Start harvesting: spring - summer; autumn

Start with: plants

Needs: full sun

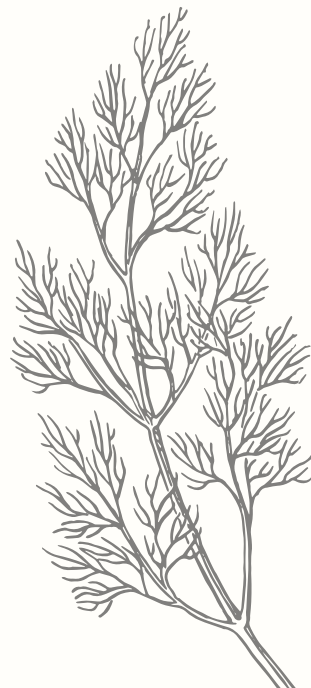


# Step 1

## plan



- **Plant:** Dill
- **Space & Light:** Place your plant in full sun
- **Container:** Get a medium container (12 in/ 30cm wide) with drainage holes at the bottom (min depth 16 in/ 40 cm for soil depth of 12 in/ 30cm)
- **Soil:** Choose a well-draining mix for containers
- **Watering Can:** Get a 2-3 gal/8-11 liters





# SHOPPING

# checklist



## **Plant**

Pick up one dill plant. Check the bottom of the pot for healthy roots (not dried out)



## **Container**

Get a medium container (12 in/ 30cm wide) with drainage holes at the bottom (min depth 16 in/40 cm for soil depth of 12 in/30 cm)



## **Soil**

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## **Garden Gloves + Trowel**



## **Watering Can**

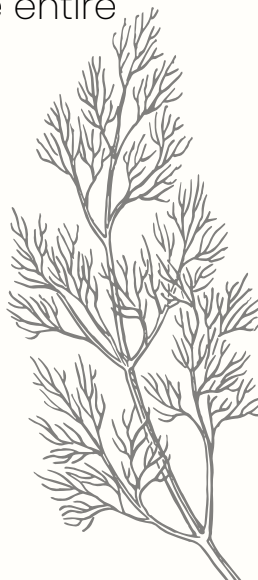
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- Dig hole deep enough to cover the entire root ball
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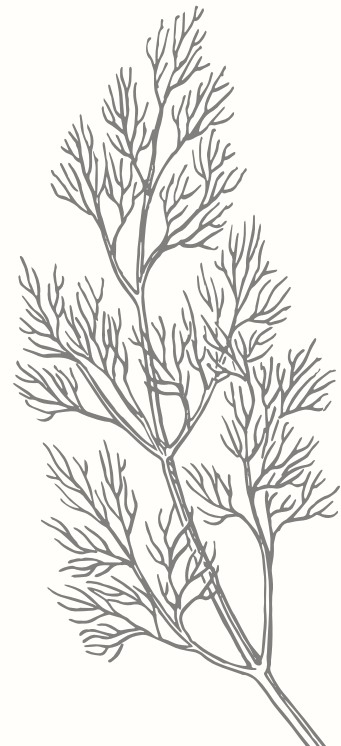


# Step 3

## *grow*



- Water Dill regularly.
- Before watering, touch the soil. If it's moist, don't water.
- To avoid overwatering, watch before you water.

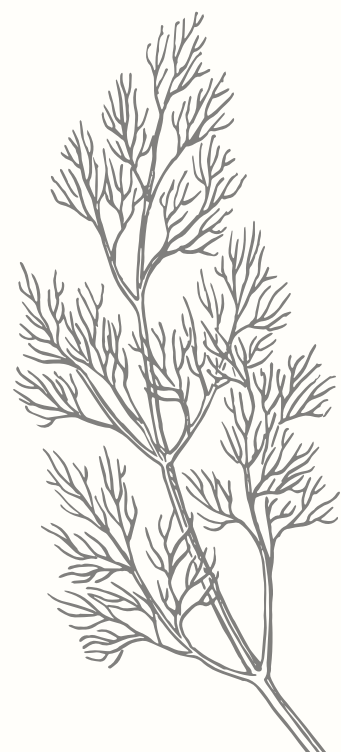


# Step 4

## *care*



- Dill loves lots of sun and regular watering.
- Keep the height low by cutting back the main stem.

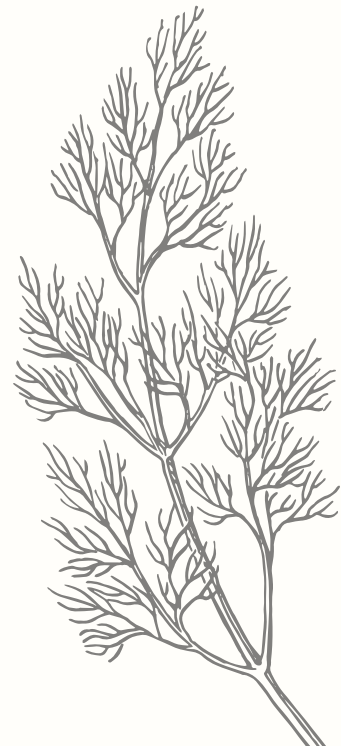




# Step 5 *harvest*



- Harvest Dill approximately 4-5 weeks, when your plant is (5-6 in high)
- Trim by snipping small bits of dill for tonight's dinner
- Grows 1-5 ft or 30-152 cm tall



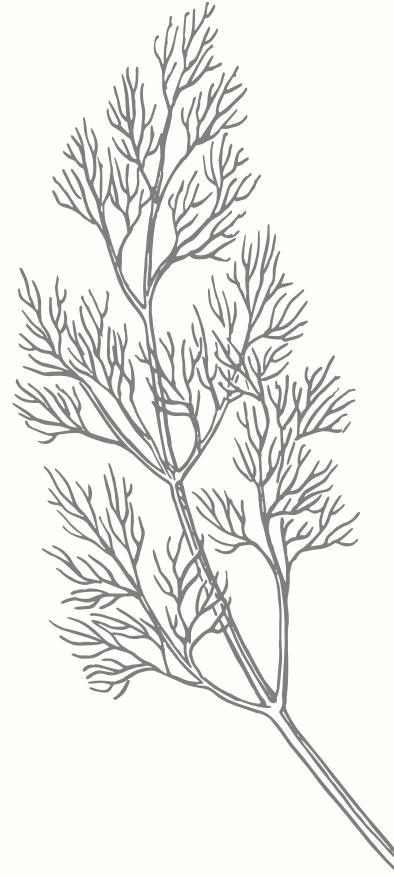
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