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# Grow a Salad on Your Own Front Porch!



Choose container-friendly varieties of veggies and herbs that are naturally limited in size, or that are specifically cultivated for potting. Look for varieties described with words like:

- Compact
- Midget
- Good for containers
- Dwarf
- Bush-type
- Tiny
- Baby vegetable

Plant your potted vegetables and herbs at the same time you plant your regular garden! Start with seeds or nursery transplants. Follow the spacing recommendations listed on the packets and in vegetable guides.

Moderate-sized containers, 8 to 18 inches in diameter, can hold:

| <i>Vegetables:</i> | <i>Herbs:</i> |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Beans              | Basil         |
| Beets              | Chives        |
| Cabbage            | Oregano       |
| Carrots            | Parsley       |
| Corn               | Rosemary      |
| Cucumbers          | Sage          |
| Eggplant           | Tarragon      |
| Lettuce            | Thyme         |
| Onions             |               |
| Peas               |               |
| Peppers            |               |
| Potatoes           |               |
| Radish             |               |
| Spinach            |               |
| Squash             |               |
| Tomatoes           |               |

To grow a salad, you will need:

- A 16-inch terra-cotta pot
  - Sterilized potting soil
  - Rocks
  - Time-release fertilizer granules
  - One patio tomato starter plant or seed packet
  - One Italian parsley starter plant or seed packet
  - One sage starter plant or seed packet
  - One sweet basil starter plant or seed packet
1. Fill your pot with potting soil mixed with fertilizer granules within 2 inches of the rim.
  2. Plant the **tomato plant** in the **center** of the pot. Make sure you place the plant deeper than it was in its original container. Pat the soil down firmly.
  3. Plant **parsley** at the **back** of the pot. Position it so the parsley has plenty of room and will not crowd the tomato as it grows.
  4. Plant **basil** opposite of the parsley in **front** of the pot. If you have several basil seedlings, plant the extras in other containers.
  5. Plant the **sage** on one **side**.
  6. Move your pot to its final location and water it well.
  7. Enjoy your herbs and tomatoes as they mature!



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