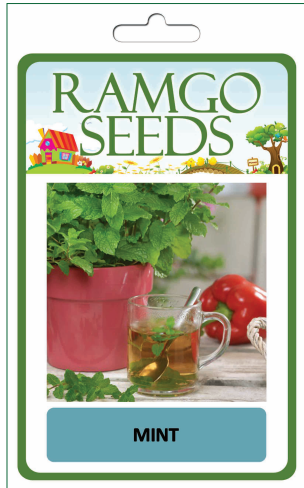


Mint



HERBS
"Mint"

Planting Guide:

Botanical Name	Mentha spp.
Common Name	Mint, peppermint, spearmint
Plant Type	Perennial herb
Mature Size	12–18 inches tall and 18–24 inches wide
Sun Exposure	Full sun to part shade (depends on species)
Soil Type	Rich and moist
Soil pH	6.5–7.0 (slightly acidic to neutral)
Flower Color	Purple, pink, or white

Light:

Mint plants prefer part shade, though you can grow it in full sun if you water it frequently. Mint is one of the few culinary herbs that grow well in shady areas.

Soil:

Mint prefers a rich soil with a slightly acidic pH between 6.5 and 7.0.

Water:

Mint needs a constantly moist soil with adequate drainage. Mint plants like water, but they cannot withstand soggy soil and wet feet. Upon touch, if the soil feels dry, add water.

Fertilizer:

Feed container mint a balanced, all-purpose liquid fertilizer when new growth emerges. Fertilize every four to six weeks. Nutrients leach away quicker from potted plants that are frequently watered.

Harvesting:

You can start harvesting mint leaves once the plants have multiple stems that are about 6 to 8 inches long. This should take about two months if you are growing plants from seed. Do not harvest more than one-third of the plant at any time, to prevent weakening the plants and sending them into decline.