

An NKHS How-To Guide

Make a hanging herb basket for a sunny area



What you need:

hanging wire basket
sphagnum moss
potting soil with water retention beads
herb plants of your choice
slow-release fertilizer

What to do:

- Wash the wire basket with soapy water and allow to dry
- Prepare the moss and soil. Mix fertilizer and soil together. Submerge the sphagnum moss in a bucket of water and allow to soak for one hour. When the moss is soaked, wring it out like a towel and place on paper towels or newspapers.
- Set the basket on a table. Make sure the basket is stabilized. Line (do not fill) the bottom and sides 1/3 of the way up the basket with clumps of sphagnum moss.
- Transplant the herbs to the bottom third of the basket. Lay the plants on their sides, facing the outside of the basket. Once they are arranged, fill the remaining empty space of the bottom third of the basket with the soil mixture.
- Add a few more inches of moss around the sides of basket and add second layer of herbs. Add more soil mixture to cover the roots. If you have room a flowering plant would add some color to your basket.
- If your basket is large and allows for more room, repeat the layering of herb plants, moss and soil to within an inch of the rim of the hanging basket.
- Thoroughly water your hanging basket before hanging it up. When hanging the basket, be sure to locate it away from hot afternoon sun and water it daily.

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