

# Purple basil

*Ocimum basilicum purpurea*

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This description is for *Purple basil (Ocimum basilicum purpurea)*:

## Plant purple basil and you can convince your friends they've suddenly gone colour blind.

*Ocimum basilicum purpurea* is also known as purple basil. It's an edible herb with fragrant leaves that can be added to a salad or used in cooking. As the name suggests the leaves are purple in colour and it has small pink flowers that bloom in the summer. It will grow to just half a metre in height and is best suited to a windowsill or a greenhouse, though it will grow outdoors in warmer weather given a sunny spot in the garden. Aphids can be a big problem with basil. If you pinch out the flower heads you'll encourage more foliage to grow.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> no	<b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral Alkaline	<b>Standard category</b> Vegetables & herbs Herbs
<b>Height [m]</b> 0.7 - 1	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z9-11	<b>Grown for</b> Culinary use

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<b>Spread [m]</b> 0.5	<b>Heat zone</b> H11-1	<b>Creative category</b> Kid Approved Fast growing For Beginners Outdoor food
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Pink	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -7 - 4	<b>Garden type</b> Containers Kitchen garden City
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Heat days</b> 0 - 210	<b>Garden spaces</b> Borders
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Pink or purple	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Propagation methods</b> seed	<b>Soil type</b> sandy loams	<b>Time to reach full size</b> Less than one year
<b>Growth habit</b> Clump-forming Erect	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun	
	<b>Exposure</b> Sheltered	