

Oregano

Oregano is one of the most popular herbs in the cook's garden. Used fresh or dried, it adds plenty of flavor to all types of dishes from soups, sauces, and salads to meat and fish. It is fragrant, pretty to look at, and [easy to grow](#). Plant it in an indoor or outdoor herb garden alongside other herbs like [basil](#), rosemary, [parsley](#), or [thyme](#).

The leaves of the oregano plant are very small and have a dark green color. It is a perennial in many zones and the stems can become woody over the years. Oregano produces tiny white, pink, or purple flowers which are very attractive to pollinating bees.

Oregano grows very well in partial sun, making it a good choice as a potted herb for an indoor windowsill garden, as well.

Oregano is an aggressive plant that likes to spread and a bush of oregano can grow quite large if you allow it. The stems can also grow up to 2 feet high and will often lay down on the ground, particularly when the plant is young or in the shade. For these two reasons, it is best to give your oregano plants plenty of room in the garden. Cut aerial parts to encourage a bushy habit.

