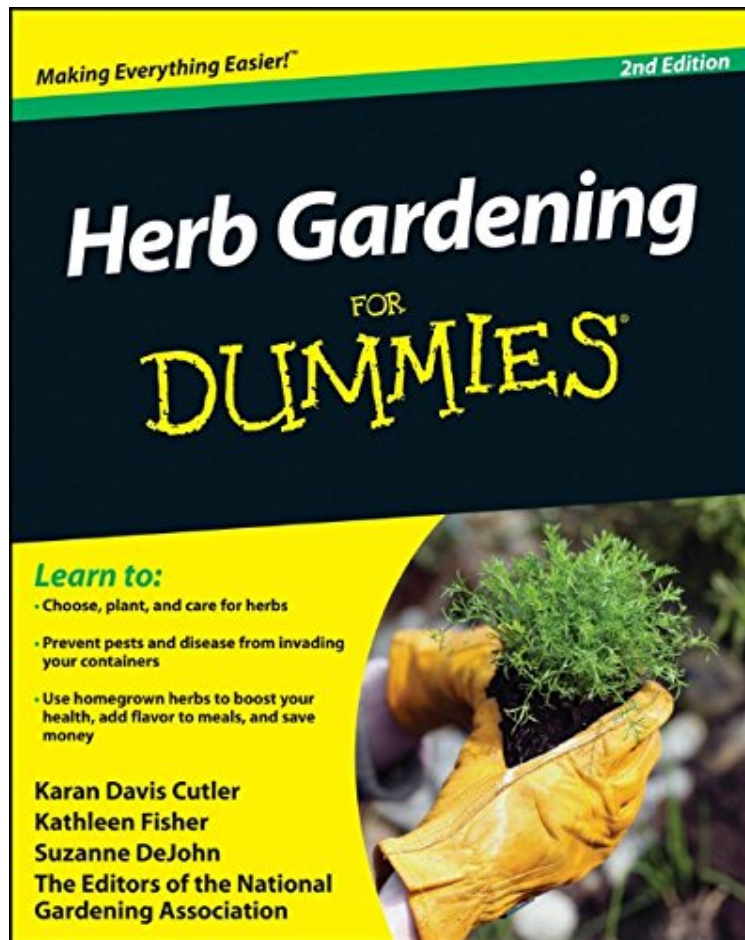


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A plain-English guide to the world of herb gardening Starting an herb garden isn't free, but it certainly outweighs the growing costs of buying retail herbs. Plus, adding homegrown ingredients to your meals is a healthy and tasty way to improve upon any dish you whip up at home. This friendly, hands-on guide is an excellent introduction to the world of herb gardening. It gives you tips and advice to grow a thriving herb garden that will add depth and flavor to home-cooked meals-as well as boost your health. How to choose, plant, and care for herbs Covers ready-made versus homemade soil mixes, starting plants from seeds, and other fundamentals How to prevent insects, pests, and diseases from invading your containers Over 30 herb recipes for everyday uses, including rubs, marinades, beauty products, and more Whether you're interested in getting step-by-step instructions for starting on your first herb garden or already have one and want to learn new tips and techniques, Herb Gardening For Dummies, 2nd Edition has you covered!

.com A decent starting place for those new to the fascinating world of herbs, Herb Gardening for Dummies covers everything from garden design (traditional knots to a simple window box) to proper care, feeding, and usage of these versatile plants. The plant encyclopedia is cleverly written, informative, and gives ideas on how to use these little critters once you've harvested them--the authors are considerably more cautious than herbal guides written by professional naturopaths, which can be a good thing for newcomers to the field. Organic methods of pest control and fertilization are emphasized, as these plants are often grown for human consumption. Choosing the right plants for your growing conditions and interest level is important, and there's lots of helpful advice on these topics. The downside to this book is its lack of pictures. There are lots of line drawings, but they tend to show particular stages of a process, rather than each step. Color photos are limited to one section, and since the photos are separate from the descriptions, they don't add much value to the book. With bullet-point lists, icons for highlighting categories like "ecofriendly" or "time-saving," and simple tables and charts, how-to photos aren't essential. For folks who learn best with straightforward reading, the presentation won't be an issue, but if pictorial aids are what you need for learning, look elsewhere. --Jill Lightner
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Features color photos and an encyclopedia of herbs! Discover how to:
Understand the different types of herbs
Landscape with herbs
Cultivate herbs indoors and in containers
Harvest and preserve your herbs
Use herbs for cooking, potpourris, and healthful teas!
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Prevent pests and disease from invading your containers
Use homegrown herbs to boost your health, add flavor to meals, and save money
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Know before you grow
make a garden plan based on your unique growing conditions and herb preferences
Get down to the nitty-gritty
discover how to plant your seeds indoors, when to move them outdoors, and how to care for and maintain them as they grow
Reap what you sow
find out how to harvest and preserve your herbs and get yummy recipes to use them in your culinary concoctions
Open the book and find: How to grow herbs in gardens, containers, and on windowsills
Culinary herbs, medicinal herbs, and herbs for health and beauty
Experts tips on what to grow
Design basics for herb gardens
The lowdown on soil
Guidance on how to choose seeds
How to cut and dry herbs
Delicious recipes
An encyclopedia of herbs