

Rosemary

Rosmarinus officinalis

Rosemary is a fragrant herb that can enhance both your cooking and your landscape. Rosemary is a pungent, evergreen herb that's great for cooking and very easy to grow. Rosemary is also an attractive, drought-tolerant plant that works well in containers and landscape beds. It blooms in winter and spring with small pink, lavender or blue flowers depending on the cultivar. Rosemary typically grows as a woody perennial or small shrub. It can reach up to 6 feet tall and 4 to 5 feet wide when planted in the ground but will remain smaller if pruned or planted in containers. Groundcover forms of rosemary are also available.

Type: evergreen herb

USDA hardiness zones: 8 through 10

Uses: border; mass planting; container or above-ground planter; naturalizing; accent; specimen; herb

Origin: native to the southeastern United States

Height: 4 to 6 feet **Spread:** 4 to 5 feet

Plant spacing: 36 to 48 inches

Light requirement: full sun

Soil tolerances: slightly acid high in organic matter

Drought tolerance: high

Soil salt tolerances: moderate

Invasive potential: low

Pest resistance: disease and pest resistant

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