

Beginner's list of plants and info

Plant Name	Zone	Sun exposure requirements	Type of plant	Notes
<i>Rosemary</i>	USDA Hardiness Zones 1-9	full sun, but in the warmer climates they will accept some light shade	Evergreen	Highly fragrance, drought-tolerant
<i>Mint</i>	Depending on the variety, USDA Hardiness Zones 3-11	full sun or part shade	perennial	fast-growing, spreading plants; I prefer to plant in a pot or they will take over your garden.
<i>Parsley</i>	USDA Hardiness Zones 4 - 9.	Parsley does well in both full-sun and part-sun environments	Biennial - Grown mainly as an Annual	Full of antioxidants and flavor could be used in almost any meal dish. I even add sometimes to my green smoothies.
<i>Basil</i>	USDA hardiness zones 10 and above; below zone 10 considered an annual that only lasts until the first frost and must be replanted every season	Full Sun	Perennial	You'll want to prevent your basil from blooming for as long as possible by harvesting or pinching off the top sets of leaves as soon as the plant reaches about 6 inches in height. If the plant sets flowers, it is on its way to going to seed and will not grow bushy and fill out with a lot of tasty leaves
<i>Chives</i>	USDA Hardiness Zones 3-10	<i>full sun the best but will also thrive in partial shade in warmer climates</i>	Perennial	chives have natural insect repelling properties. Plant them next to roses to help prevent aphids.
<i>Tomatoes</i>	grown as annuals in USDA Hardiness Zones 2 - 10.	Full sun	Annuals	Tomatoes are frost-tender plants that thrive in warm weather, you must plant them after the last spring frost in your area
<i>Radishes</i>	NO USDA Hardiness Zone rating, sow seeds 4-6 weeks before the average date of last frost	Full Sun	Annuals	Those are easy to plant by seed regardless of level of expertise. Ideal for gardening with kids

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<i>Lettuce</i>	Check the variety you decide to plant- All types of lettuce grow best in cool weather, so plan to add it to your garden in spring or fall.	Full sun but tolerates shade.	Annual or perpetual (all year round indoors)	Consider planting rows of chives or garlic between your lettuce to control aphids. Also, great to plant in containers on outdoor patio.
<i>Marigolds</i>	perennials in USDA hardiness zones 9-11	Full sun	both hardy annuals and perennials	They are well-suited for growing in containers for patios
<i>Strawberries</i>	From zone 6 northward, strawberries are best planted in spring so they will be well-rooted by the following winter. From zone 7	Full Sun	Perennials	Pick strawberries in the morning, when the fruits are cool, and immediately put them in the refrigerator. Wait until just before you eat or cook them to rinse the berries thoroughly with cool water.
<i>Snow Peas</i>	USDA hardiness zone 8	Full sun	annuals	Snow peas are a great vegetable to grow with kids; they're mild in flavor and fun to eat.