

Herbs - Links to Articles

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PLANNING YOUR HERB GARDEN

http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cfiv/extline/i3489_506.html

Extract:

Herbs are sun-loving plants and require four to six hours of sun, and will grow in a variety of soil conditions with the exception of wet, poorly drained soil. Herbs do not like their feet constantly wet.

For a poorly drained site, amend the soil with several bushels of compost per 100 square feet of area, spading the compost thoroughly into the soil to a depth of 6 to 12 inches. Herbs do not need to be highly fertilized and do well with moderate amounts of fertilizer.

Once you have prepared your site, you need to determine what type of herb garden that you require. Do you want an ornamental herb garden, a culinary herb garden, a medicinal herb garden, or do you want a cottage garden effect with flowers and herbs combined? Do you want a formal, a kitchen, a scented or a crafters herb garden?

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Design Plan for a Simple, Formal Herb Garden

<http://gardening.about.com/od/gardendesignplans/ig/Formal-Herb-Garden-Design/>

- 6 herb garden designs, plant selection, spacing, design considerations

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Pizza Garden

<http://backyardpatch.blogspot.com/2014/01/herb-garden-design-pizza-garden.html>

Round garden, looks like a pizza with a slice missing. "Plants to grow here in the Pizza Garden make up the ingredients: tomatoes, onions, peppers, parsley, basil, marjoram and Greek oregano. One can add marigolds around the outside to represent the cheese or the crust." See picture in the link.

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Gardening in the Shade - Herbs and Vegetables

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden/landscaping/gardening-in-shade/#herbs-and-vegetables>

- some herbs and vegetables can handle light shade / part shade
- under a tree can reduce soil moisture - both because of tree canopy and roots competition for moisture
- herbs listed for light shade: basil, chervil, chives, coriander, mints, parsley, sage, sorrel, tarragon
- if herb plants get floppy in the shade, consider cutting back 1/3, maybe in late May (Bee Balm, for example)
- vegetables to try for light shade / part shade: leaf lettuce, spinach, Swiss chard, kale, mustard greens, and beet greens
 - + generally thinner leaves and less robust when grown in light shade/part shade

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GROWING HERBS IN THE SHADE

<http://easttexasgardening.tamu.edu/tips/veggie/shdherbs.html>

Some herbs will tolerate shade or may actually prefer it during our hot, dry summers: parsley, mint and thyme are three examples. Herbs may grow taller with more open growth in a shady area, but that's not necessarily bad.