

# Rosemary

Salvia rosmarinus · Mint family

**DIFFICULTY** Easy  
**TYPE** Evergreen perennial shrub  
**MATURITY** Usable from 3–4 months



SUN  
Full sun



WATER  
Low, drought-tolerant once established



SOIL PH  
6.0–7.5



SPACING  
60cm–1m



DEPTH  
as per pot

## 01 Grows easily from cuttings

Once you have one rosemary bush, you have as many as you like — strike semi-hardwood cuttings in a pot of free-draining mix and they root readily.



bushy perennial clump



or strike a cutting in a pot

## 02 Planting

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| METHOD | Plant from a nursery pot, or strike cuttings from an established plant. |
| SOIL   | Free-draining — rosemary dislikes wet feet, especially in winter.       |
| TIMING | Plant in spring or autumn.                                              |

## 04 Problems

- **Root rot** — from poor drainage or overwatering; let soil dry between waterings.
- **Woody, leggy growth** — from lack of pruning; trim regularly.
- **Spider mite** — fine webbing in hot, dry weather; hose foliage occasionally.
- **Powdery mildew** — poor airflow; space plants well.

## 06 Companions & rotation

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| PLANT NEARBY           | AVOID NEARBY                  | ROTATION NOTE                      |
| Brassicas Beans Carrot | Basil (different water needs) | Not applicable — long-lived shrub. |

## 03 Growing care

- Water only occasionally once established — overwatering is the main risk.
- Prune lightly after flowering to keep a bushy shape.
- Avoid rich, heavily fed soil — lean conditions suit it best.
- Harvest sprigs regularly; this encourages fresh growth.

## 05 Harvest & storage

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| SIGNS   | Usable year-round once established.                                        |
| METHOD  | Snip sprigs as needed with scissors or secateurs.                          |
| CURING  | Air-dry hanging in bunches for long-term storage.                          |
| STORAGE | Fresh in the fridge a couple of weeks; dried, airtight for a year or more. |