Growing Microgreens

Microgreens are great for beginner gardeners. They are also a great way to garden in all climates, to teach your kids about gardening, or if you are working with limited space and don't have a traditional garden.

What you need:

Any shallow, Flat container – you can use a takeout container, or an old food packaging container

Well-drained potting soil

Seeds of choice – there are so many options! You can use—basil, broccoli, cabbage, cilantro, kale, lettuce, parsley, radish, beets – just as examples. <u>Note: larger seeds tend to be easier to grow</u>.

Paper towel

Spray bottle

What to do:

- 1. Make sure you planting container is washed out and cleaned before use.
- 2. If you are using a tray with holes, you can line the bottom with paper towel so that the seed mix does not fall through.
- 3. Fill the tray with an inch of moist soil. Level off the soil.
- 4. Press your seeds into the soil. Cover the seeds with a light layer of soil.
- 5. Use a spray bottle to mist your seeds and keep them watered.
- 6. Put your seed tray in a warm, sunny spot. A windowsill is a good location.
- 7. It is important to keep your seeds watered. You can check the moistness of the soil daily, and water if it's too dry. Tip: To keep your seeds moist, cover with a lid or plastic bag with holes in the top.
- 8. The seeds will begin to germinate. Germination time depends on the type of seeds; the packaging will be able to tell you. Once they have grown a few inches high and have true leaves, you can harvest them! Cut the greens right at the soil line with a scissors. Enjoy your microgreens!

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