Gardener’s Best® Strawberry & Herb Grow Bag

Grow an abundance of herbs or strawberries in any sunny spot. This Grow Bag is the perfect solution for small space gardeners looking to maximize their growing area. The Grow Bag has 6 pockets, each one sized to fit one plant, as well as an open top where you can plant even more. Soon you will be able to enjoy fresh flavors all summer long!

How to Plant your Grow Bag

NOTE: These are general instructions on planting the Grow Bag. Please read the Strawberry and Herb sections to the right for more information about the plants before starting.

Figure 1

Step 1. In a separate container, prepare 25 quarts of planting mix. We recommend our Potting Mix, as well as a slow-release granular fertilizer, such as our All-Purpose Fertilizer. (Avoid using garden soil, which often drains poorly.) Mix the fertilizer into the planting mix, and add water to moisten the mix.

Step 2. Add the planting mix to your Grow Bag until you reach the bottom pockets. Slide a plant, roots first, into one of the pockets. Then add more planting mix and pack it firmly around the roots. Repeat for the other bottom pocket.

Step 3. Continue adding planting mix until you reach the top level of pockets. Repeat the planting instructions from Step 2 to fill in these pockets.

Step 4. Fill the Grow Bag with planting mix to within 1”-2” of the top. Set plants into the top opening, adding additional planting mix as needed. Then water the Grow Bag to thoroughly moisten the soil and settle the roots.

Growing Strawberries

Along with the popular June-bearing there are other types of strawberries to choose from. Everbearing strawberries typically produce two smaller harvests, one in the spring and one in late summer or fall. Day-neutral will produce berries all summer long. Alpine strawberries produce small berries with an intense burst of flavor.

When planting bareroot strawberries, trim the roots to 6”-8” and then set the roots in a bowl of water to soak for a few minutes. Plant one strawberry plant in each side pocket, and up to 3 plants in the top opening. **Important:** When planting your strawberries, make sure the crown (where the roots meet the stems) is sitting right at the soil line, as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2

Keep your Grow Bag in a location that receives 6-8 hours of sunlight, turning it occasionally to make sure all plants are receiving the same amount of light. As the season progresses, you may notice your plants sending out runners. Remove all runners to keep your plant’s energy focused on growing fruit.

In fall, move the Grow Bag to a sheltered location that stays between 30-45°F and keep the soil slightly moist.

Growing Herbs

When planting your Grow Bag with herbs, we recommend using transplants rather than starting from seed. There are many different types of herbs to choose from. Plan to grow varieties that have similar sun and water requirements.

In cold climates, you may want to bring the Grow Bag indoors during the winter to continue the harvest. Keep the Grow Bag in a cool place near a window that receives 3-4 hours of sunlight. **Caution:** Excess water will drain through the Grow Bag. Use a large saucer or tray (sold separately) to protect the surface beneath your Grow Bag. If you are growing perennial herbs and would like to overwinter them, move the Grow Bag to a sheltered location that stays between 30-45°F and keep the soil slightly moist.

Figure 3

**Important:** In cold climates, it can be challenging to overwinter strawberries and herbs in containers, including Grow Bags. You may wish to replant each spring.