

# The Green Thumb

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Grow herbs at home. Not enough home gardeners are growing herbs. Herbs take up little space, furnish a variety of flavors in the kitchen, and they also help keep bugs away from certain plants.

They can be arranged in flower beds, borders, and rock gardens, or assembled in a small formal herb garden close to the kitchen, as was the custom in colonial times.

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hold the stones in place.

In general, one short row or only a few feet of row of each of the annual herbs of the perennials, will supply enough for the average family. Herbs grow in any soil and do best in full sun.

If you live in apartments, no reason why you can't grow herbs in pots on the balcony. Some easy ones to start on include basil, chives, dill, marjoram, oregano, parsley, sage and thyme.

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Sow seeds in any warm, sunny place outdoors where plants can spread without encroaching on other plants for roots are far-reaching and invasive.

Seeds take several weeks to sprout. Seedlings, if too close together, can be thinned and excess plants moved elsewhere.

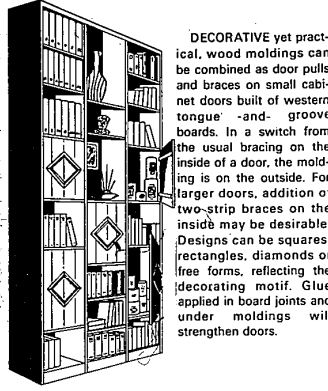
The inconspicuous flowers appear in mid-summer of the second year and shortly after you'll notice the lanterns growing.

Chinese lanterns are grown for their interest in the garden, but more so in arrangements for winter use indoors.

Since lanterns often fall off their stems, they may be wired onto them or onto artificial stems of some other plant.

Some lanterns may be cut while still green, some when green and orange, others when fully colored. If carefully dried they'll remain the same colors and lend variety to arrangements.

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