



To get started, all you need is... a fully-grown herb plant, a pair of scissors, a glass of water, and a pot with compost in.

- Take your fully-grown plant and select a green stem. To take a cutting, simply snip just below a leaf node (where the leaves come out of the stem). A piece 3 or 4 inches long should do.
- Remove the bottom leaves and put your cutting into a glass of water.
- Leave it on a sunny windowsill. Change the water every few days to encourage growth. It may take a few weeks, but you should start to see some roots forming on the bottom of the cutting.
- Once you have some roots, it's ready to plant. Fill your pot loosely with compost, poke your finger into it to make a hole then, holding the cutting gently at the top, pop the cutting in and carefully firm the compost down.
- Water the cutting in – and watch it grow!

If you've planted some rosemary, it's a hardy herb - so you can expect to enjoy a supply of fresh herbs through the winter. Bees love it too when it's flowers in spring!

If you want to try some different herbs, this method will also work for some other woody herbs like basil or sage.

Take cuttings of shrubby herbs such as hyssop, rosemary, sage, thyme in late spring

Take root cuttings of mint in spring. Take softwood cuttings in summer