



## Dolce Fresca Basil

*Ocimum basilicum 'Dolce Fresca'*

Height: 20 inches

Spread: 10 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

### Description:

A culinary variety that produces large leaves with a rich, sweet flavor, on a rounded bushy plant; will produce white flowers in summer; pinch flower stems to promote leaf growth; great for mixed containers, herb gardens, and annual beds

### Edible Qualities

Dolce Fresca Basil is an annual herb that is commonly grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. The fragrant oval green leaves are usually harvested from early summer to early fall. The leaves have a pleasant taste and a pleasant fragrance.

The leaves are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Cooking
- Seasoning

### Planting & Growing

Dolce Fresca Basil will grow to be about 20 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 inches. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.



*Dolce Fresca Basil foliage*  
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This plant can be integrated into a landscape or flower garden by creative gardeners, but is usually grown in a designated herb garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Dolce Fresca Basil is a good choice for the edible garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

Sizes Available:

3.5" CONT \$3.99



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