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This hardy perennial is very easy to grow. Chives make a lovely border in perennial beds.

Culture: Start seeds indoors in shallow pots or flats in January. Cover with fine soil and keep evenly moist. Harden off the seedlings and transplant to the garden in early spring. May also be direct sown as soon as the soil can be worked, but keep the delicate seedlings well weeded. Cut the clumps to the ground after blooming to encourage the production of new leaves. Divide the clumps every 3 to 4 years.

Harvest: Cut off at ground level as needed with scissors. Can be dried or frozen for later use.

Seed Savers: Self sows readily. Harvest the dried seed heads and crush over a bowl to release the seeds. Finish drying indoors.

Soil
Temp.
60–70°F

Sowing
Depth
¼"

Final Plant
Spacing
6–8"

Final Row
Spacing
18–24"

Light
Full Sun or
Part Shade

Days to
Emerge
7–14

