

## Sweet Thai Basil

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Don't rush the season with this pick-and-come-again warm-weather-loving annual.

**Culture:** Direct sow well after danger of frost or start indoors 4 weeks before last frost. Lightly cover seed and firm gently. Keep evenly moist. Thin when plants have 3–4 true leaves. Prefers full sun and well-drained, rich soil.

**Harvest:** Begin harvesting approximately 10 weeks after sowing. Excellent for pick-and-come again harvests; may also be mown down to 4–6 inches and harvested again once the plants re-grow. Harvest whole plants when frost threatens. Dry the flowers and leaves for cooking herbs or teas.

**Seed Savers:** To save seeds for home planting, isolate from other basil varieties of the same species by at least ½ mile.

Soil  
Temp.  
70–85°F

Sowing  
Depth  
¼"

Final Plant  
Spacing  
8–12"

Final Row  
Spacing  
18–24"

Light  
Full Sun

Days to  
Emerge  
7–14

