

Basil

“Emily” Genovese and “Purple Opal”

“Emily”

A classic Genovese basil with a sweet aroma, compact habit and disease resistance. Emily is a versatile, premium-quality variety that is well suited for garden or container cultivation. Reaching 12-18 inches tall, the plants offer lots of long, succulent leaves for repeated cutting thanks to its rapid regrowth. A tender annual that will show brown discoloration in cool temperatures (under 40 degrees F).

“Purple Opal”

Purple Opal basil, a variety of sweet basil, thrives in warm, sunny conditions with well-draining soil. It's an annual plant, meaning it completes its lifecycle within one growing season. Sowing seeds directly in the garden after the last frost, with a 1/4" depth and 8-12" spacing, is a common practice. Consistent watering and full sun (6-8 hours daily) are key for optimal growth, and pinching back flower stalks will prolong leaf harvesting.

Basil is a deer and rabbit resistant plant. Plant some for your culinary uses and let some flower for pollinators!

