

Borage

Borage is a cool-season annual herb that prefers full sun to partial shade and well-draining soil. Borage is known for its vibrant blue, star-shaped flowers and attractive, hairy leaves. Annual, excellent plant for pollinators. Borage is deer and rabbit resistant.

Detailed Growing Guide:

- **Sunlight:** Borage thrives in full sun (at least 6 hours of sunlight per day) but can tolerate partial shade.
- **Soil:** Prefers well-draining soil with a pH between 6.0 and 7.0, as recommended by [MasterClass](#).
- **Spacing:** Plant 12-18 inches apart.
- **Watering:** Water regularly established, borage is fairly drought-tolerant.
- **Fertilizing:** Borage doesn't require much fertilization, especially if the soil is already rich in organic matter.
- **Pests and Diseases:** Borage is relatively low maintenance pest and disease-resistant but may be susceptible to black fly aphids or powdery mildew in some cases
- **Seed Saving:** Borage is a prolific self-seeder, so expect volunteer seedlings in subsequent years. If you want it to self-seed, mulch thinly around the plant, allow blooms to fade and remain on plant until they naturally fall off in winter. Do not apply a preemergent (ie, Preen) in areas you want seed to sprout.

Deadheading: Remove spent flowers to encourage more blooms.

Wind Protection: Borage plants can be delicate and prone to being blown over. Staking is advised.

Transplanting: Be gentle with roots when transplanting. Prepare a hole equally as deep as the root ball and twice as wide. (Dig a \$10 hole for a \$5 plant.)