

How to Grow Herbs with Hydrangeas - Quick Guide

- 1. **** Choose the Right Herbs:** Opt for shade-tolerant, moisture-loving herbs such as parsley, chives, lemon balm, or sorrel.
- 2. **Match Growing Conditions:** Select herbs that thrive in the same environment as hydrangeas partial shade, rich, moist soil, and consistent watering.
- 3. **We Mulch:** Apply organic mulch like bark chips or compost to conserve moisture and suppress weeds for both herbs and hydrangeas.
- 4. **♦ Avoid Incompatible Herbs:** Skip rosemary, thyme, and sage in the same bed − they prefer dry, sunny, alkaline conditions.
- 5. **** Use Pots for Spreaders:** Grow aggressive herbs like mint or lemon balm in containers near hydrangeas to prevent takeover.
- 6. **Monitor Moisture:** Check soil regularly. Hydrangeas need damp roots, while most herbs prefer occasional drying between waterings.
- 7. Encourage Pollinators: Let some herbs bloom to attract bees and butterflies, boosting garden biodiversity.
- 8. **Space Smartly:** Cluster herbs at the front or base of hydrangeas, leaving airflow and root space for both plant types to thrive.

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