

Vertical Kitchen Herb Garden: Starter Checklist

 Use this checklist to gather everything you need before setting up your herb garden!

Choose Your Vertical Garden System

Select **one or more** systems based on your space, budget, and style:

- ☐ Wall-Mounted Planter Set
 - ☐ Modular wall planter units
 - ☐ Wall anchors or adhesive hooks
 - ☐ Waterproof wall backing (optional for kitchens)
 - ☐ Tiered Stand / Stacked Rack
 - ☐ Freestanding plant stand (2–5 tiers)
 - ☐ Trays for drainage
 - ☐ Hanging Pocket Planters
 - ☐ Fabric hanging planter with multiple pockets
 - ☐ Door/wall hooks or curtain rod
 - ☐ DIY System (Pegboard, Ladder, etc.)
 - ☐ Wooden ladder or pegboard
 - ☐ S-hooks, wire baskets, or recycled containers
 - ☐ Mounting hardware or stand
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Select Your Herbs

Choose based on **light availability and use case**:

Sun-Loving Herbs

- ☐ Basil
- ☐ Oregano
- ☐ Thyme
- ☐ Rosemary

Shade-Tolerant Herbs

- ☐ Mint
 - ☐ Parsley
 - ☐ Chives
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Setup Materials & Tools

These are **essential for installation and healthy herb growth**:

- ☐ Measuring tape (to measure wall or area)
 - ☐ Screwdriver/drill (for wall-mount systems)
 - ☐ Adhesive strips or hooks (for renter-friendly options)
 - ☐ Labels or garden markers
 - ☐ Water tray or saucers (to catch runoff)
 - ☐ Gloves (for setup and potting)
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Soil & Drainage Supplies

Ensure herbs have **well-drained and nutrient-rich conditions**:

- ☐ Organic potting mix for containers (with perlite or coco coir)
 - ☐ Pebbles, clay balls, or mesh screen (for drainage layer)
 - ☐ Organic compost (optional)
 - ☐ Extra containers or fabric grow bags (if DIYing)
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Light & Watering Tools

Provide the **right amount of light and hydration**:

- ☐ LED grow light (if no natural light)
 - ☐ Timer for grow light (optional)
 - ☐ Watering can with narrow spout
 - ☐ Moisture meter or finger test reminder
 - ☐ Misting bottle (optional for humidity—not in poor ventilation)
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Fertilizers & Nutrients

Keep herbs **fed without overdoing it**:

- ☐ Organic liquid fertilizer (fish emulsion, seaweed, etc.)

- ☐ Small measuring cup or dropper for dilution
 - ☐ Schedule/reminder (every 2–3 weeks)
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Maintenance & Pest Control

Maintain **herb health and prevent common issues:**

- ☐ Neem oil or natural insect spray
 - ☐ Soft cloth or paper towels (to wipe leaves)
 - ☐ Pruning scissors or herb snips
 - ☐ Waste container for trimmings
 - ☐ Notebook or app for tracking care
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Optional But Helpful Additions

For an **optimized, hassle-free experience:**

- ☐ Grow chart (light/watering needs of each herb)
 - ☐ Humidity tray or pebble dish
 - ☐ Hanging grow light (for vertical pocket planters)
 - ☐ Herb recipe guide or usage chart
 - ☐ Smartphone reminder app for watering/fertilizing
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Storage & Organization

Keep **things tidy and accessible:**

- ☐ Tool basket or bin
 - ☐ Herb care labels
 - ☐ Fertilizer storage container
 - ☐ Compact shelf or caddy for supplies
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Final Reminder Before You Start

- ☐ Spot chosen has **4–6 hours of indirect light**
- ☐ Selected herbs match your light conditions
- ☐ Planters are **securely installed**
- ☐ Drainage is in place
- ☐ Herbs are labeled
- ☐ Initial watering done after planting
- ☐ Care routine (light, water, food) noted and tracked