

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR OWN HERB TOPIARY

1. Select a single stem and remove all others.
2. Stake the stem and pinch off all grown 2/3 up the stem.
3. When desired height is reached, pinch out top to encourage side shoots.
4. Continue pinching side shoots to form a bushy ball.
5. The more frequently you trim, the more attractive the shape will be.

Light. All herbs require least 6 hours.

Water. Let soil dry 1/3 down, then water well. Topiaries tend to be rootbound and can dry out quickly, so get in the habit of checking the soil daily. Either a moisture meter or your own finger works well!

Potting. Topiaries benefit from a slight increase in pot size every year or two. Always use a pot with a drainage hole. Always use a high quality potting mix. Herb topiaries need exceptional drainage to thrive.

Good choices for topiaries include:

- Sweet Bay
- Thyme
- Rosemary
- Myrtle
- Lavender
- Coleus
- Santolina

