

Rosmarinus - Care Guide

Growing Rosemary

Rosemary

The generic name is taken from the Latin word for rosemary which is *ros* or *ros maris*. *Ros* in Latin can also mean 'dew' and hence the belief that *Rosmarinus* means 'sea dew'.

R. officinalis or common rosemary is a dense evergreen shrub growing eventually up to 5-6ft with a similar spread. It is a Mediterranean plant which has been cultivated in the UK for at least 400 years. The stems are covered in green or greyish-green leaves which are white underneath and the flowers are purple-blue to white and are produced from the upper leaf axils from April to June and, usually, again in the autumn.

Rosemary thrive in all types of well-drained soil in full sun. *R. officinalis* can be grown as a hedge, as a freestanding shrub or in a mixed border, in a herb garden or against a warm sunny wall. Pruning of the bush should take place immediately after flowering to remove not just the old flower heads but also the tips of the new growth to shape the bush and encourage further uniform new growth and flowers later in the year. This is particularly important when Rosemary are grown as a hedge.

The leaves of rosemary are traditionally dried and used as a culinary herb to bring out the flavours in many meat dishes.

Propagation is simple from semi ripe cuttings set in summer but *R. officinalis* will also root as a hardwood cutting in the autumn.

There are many named varieties of *R. officinalis* which have different flowers, foliage and habits:

f. albiflorus has white flowers and an upright mounded habit



Rosmarinus albiflorus



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Rosmarinus officinalis
'Aureus'



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Rosmarinus officinalis
'Majorca Pink'



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“Miss Jessopp’s Upright” is a tall growing form with a pyramidal habit



Rosmarinus officinalis
'Miss Jessopp's Upright'



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Rosmarinus officinalis
'Prostratus'



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'Prostratus'

'Roman Beauty' has a dense compact habit with arching stems and dark bl



Rosmarinus officinalis
'Roman Beauty'



Rosmarinus officinalis
'Roman Beauty'



Rosmarinus 'Roseus'



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Rosmarinus 'Roseus'



Rosmarinus officinalis
'Severn Sea'



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Rosmarinus officinalis
'Tuscan Blue'



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View this video on Youtube here <https://www.youtube.com/I2xBeD124lc>

Summer Propagation - Video Tip

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