Sweet Basil
*Ocimum basilicum*

How do I get started?
- Grow from seeds
- Root from cuttings
- Purchase a plant

Where can I grow it?
- Indoor Gardens
- Outdoor Gardens
- Container Gardens

How do I grow it?
- Full Sun
- Average

How long will it live?
- Annual - grows outdoors during one warm weather season; may continue to survive as a houseplant November through April

How to enjoy
- Culinary - the backbone of Italian cuisine. Use fresh or dried in pesto sauce and in salads.
- Fragrance - aromatic herb for the garden
- Decorative – beautiful large heart-shaped leaves and white flowers in summer

Fun Facts
- Pinch off flowers. Leaves from plants with flowers have poor flavor.
- Native to India and has been cultivated there for more than 5,000 years!

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