

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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A collection for observation and reference. Detailed explanations to help you make care decisions suited to your plant and its position.

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical classification	Thymus vulgaris
Family	Lamiaceae
Origin	Western and central Mediterranean region
Delivery size	9 cm pot · approximately 10–25 cm
Growth and distinctive feature	Low aromatic subshrub becoming woody at the base

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Position	Plant in a sunny, warm position with good drainage.	Thyme develops well in bright conditions with soil that is not waterlogged.
Water	Check regularly while establishing, then let the soil dry well between waterings.	Young roots do not yet have a large soil reserve.
Container growing	Use drainage holes and an open herb compost mix.	Small containers dry faster but are also easily waterlogged.
Feeding	Feed only sparingly and according to need.	Too many nutrients encourage soft growth.
Harvesting	Take healthy young tips and leave enough greenery.	The plant needs leaf mass to regenerate.
Pruning	Trim lightly, without cutting deeply into bare old wood.	New growth from there is uncertain.
Winter	Above all, avoid wetness and shelter small pots.	Hardiness does not replace suitable root conditions.
Ordering	Choose the set size and current plant quantity in the shop.	The photos show different offer sizes.

Knowledge that grows

A little woody plant among the herbs

Common thyme forms fine stems that gradually become woody at the base. Its small aromatic leaves sit closely along them. In suitable conditions, small flowers appear that also interest flower visitors. It belongs to the mint family and is a classic culinary herb. Light and gentle trimming maintain its compact shape. A large, dense planting develops from young plants over time, not immediately from a small delivery pot.

Separating set size from plant height

The shop offer lists thyme in 9 cm pots with approximately 10–25 cm total height and different set sizes. The quantity is chosen in the shop; a picture with a set marking does not automatically apply to every selection. The AI scene shows a single young plant as a size example. When placing several plants in a bed, allow space for their later spread. The outer pot, tools and decoration are not promised components of the plant offer.

Sunshine and freely draining soil

Choose a sunny, warm position. Heavy soil that stays wet for a long time is less suitable than well-aerated, relatively lean soil. In a pot, keep drainage holes clear and use a suitable open herb mix with mineral structure. Introduce strong sunshine gradually after transport. When planting in a bed, water the whole root ball thoroughly. Newly planted thyme is not yet as drought-tolerant as a well-established specimen.

Adjusting water to development

Check regularly during establishment and water when needed. Later, the soil may dry well between waterings. A small pot has less reserve than a bed, particularly in wind. Water thoroughly rather than merely wetting the surface every day. Remove leftover water. Yellowing or winter losses are often also linked to overly wet soil. Drought tolerance does not mean newly planted roots can manage without a water supply.

Harvesting and trimming without bare old wood

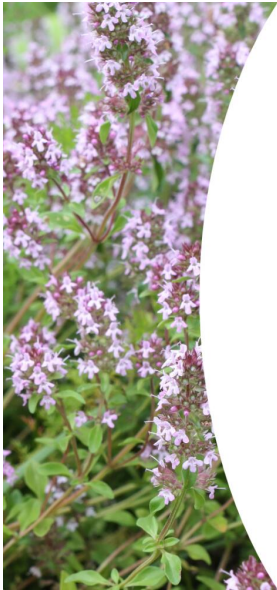
Harvest healthy young shoot tips with clean tools and leave sufficient green foliage. Light, regular trimming encourages compact growth. Do not cut deeply into completely bare old wood, where new growth is uncertain. Feed sparingly during the growing season; excessively rich care encourages soft shoots. For cooking, use positively identified plant parts suitable according to treatment instructions and clean them before use.

Considering winter soil conditions

Common thyme is generally hardy, but needs a suitable, well-drained position. Small pots are more at risk from freezing solid and wetness than established bed plants. Position them in shelter, ensure drainage and check the root ball on frost-free days. Carefully remove dried or dead parts in spring. As new growth appears, the shape can be gently adjusted. Harvesting can then accompany a fragrant planting maintained over the long term.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



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Original shop photo of a thyme set. Quantities pictured apply only to the corresponding shop variant; choose the set size before ordering.



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Good to know

Will I receive one plant or a set?

The offer has different set sizes. The quantity chosen in the shop determines what is supplied.

Is thyme hardy?

Generally yes, in a suitable position. Constant wetness and unprotected small pots can be particularly problematic in winter.

How should I prune it?

Trim gently in the green growth and do not cut deeply into completely bare old wood.

Does thyme need little water?

Established plants cope with dry periods. Young plants and small pots still need regular checks.

The matching offer

[Plant in the shop](#)

The linked shop is in German. Product details, availability and delivery information are provided in that shop.

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English portrait



Shop offer (in German)