

Orange Mint



Mentha piperata 'Orange'

- **Use:** Young new growth is the most fragrant and flavorful but all leaves are edible. Orange Mint can be used to attract butterflies and it can also make an excellent aromatic groundcover or border. It works well as a foliage background and can be planted at the rear of a bed to make it look more full and lush offsetting flowers planted in the front. Orange Mint is quite an easy perennial to grow Excellent for containers.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Plant in moist, fertile soil in light shade to full sun. Chocolate mint thrives alongside water gardens or in damp spots in the yard.
- **Growth:** Grows 18-24" tall and wide. Stems tend to run rampantly over—and under—soil.. In small garden spaces, it's best to tuck chocolate mint into a pot to curtail its wandering ways. Space plants 3' apart.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 3-11; Perennial, Herb
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; The leaves are round to oval, smooth and dark green with a red edge with a very fragrant, citrus-like scent.
- **Flower:** This mint has white and pink flowers in short spikes that bloom in mid to late summer.



A great garnish for ice cream or iced tea, this gourmet mint has a wonderful hint of orange mixed with the minty flavor. Crush fresh leaves into water or juice for a refreshing beverage, or add to iced tea.