## Dark Opal Basil





## For garnishes: and cut flower: use.

## Ocimum basilicum 'Dark Opal'

- <u>Use:</u> popular sweet basil with regal, purple-black glossy foliage and pale pink flowers and a delicious aroma. The beautiful eye catching purple leaves get darker as the basil plant matures. Aside from being a colourful garden plant Opal Basil is a very high quality basil perfect for culinary use in any dish. Edible Flowers: Use the flowers in any recipe that calls for basil, or to garnish drinks, salads, soups, pasta, and desserts. Flavor is of intense basil.
- <u>Exposure/Soil</u>: They love full hot sun, but be sure to keep them well watered, but not drowning. Pinch tips back occasionally to produce a bushy plant! Use slow release fertilizer for best results
- *Growth:* Ht. 16-18".
- *Hardiness:* Zone 9-10, Annual; Houseplant
- **Foliage:** The lime scent of the bright green, lance-shaped leaves pair perfectly with lemon basil for a full explosion of tangy fresh flavor.
- <u>Flower:</u> Mostly purple plants, with 20% variegated or green plants make a great color combo. Leaves avg. 1 1/2-3" at full size. AAS winner.