

Soft-wood cuttings

1. Cut off an end section from the Mother Plant. Ensure not too thick and woody. Ensure base cut is just **BELOW** nodes. This is where your roots will grow from.



2. Remove leaves at base



Nodes contain growth hormones. Roots or shoots will grow from this area.

3. Cut off just above a leaf section. Leave at least two nodes above your root nodes. The stalk above them will cease to grow.



4. Trim off larger leaves or cut in half with scissors so the plant does not lose too much water.

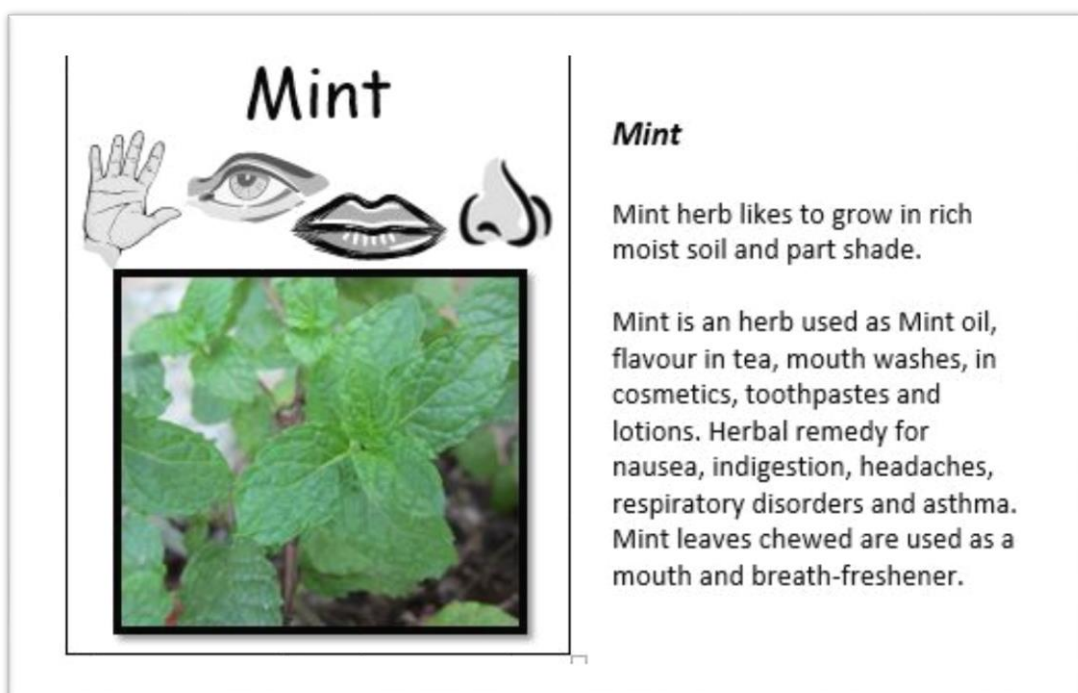


Materials:

- Clean sharp secateurs/knife
- Potting mix
- Pot
- Mother plant (a healthy plant to take cuttings from)
- Water
- Plant label
- If taking a lot of cuttings from a variety of plants, wipe secateurs/knife with a rag soaked in mentholated spirits in between each cutting.

Instructions:

1. Follow steps 1-4 from diagram: Using secateurs prepare the cuttings as soon as possible after collection. Cut young, firm stalks to make cuttings approximately 6-10cm long. Make a slope cut across the top and a straight cut across base to know what way to plant.
2. Make a hole in the compost/potting mix with a stick and insert the cutting straight up and press around it gently ensuring that there are no air pockets around it.
3. Label the plant.
4. Gently water the cutting and keep out of the sun for 4-8 weeks. Check the pot every couple of days to see if water is needed. Increasing amount of sunshine slowly and transplant if required when plant appears established.



Sensory label example