

## Olive Tree

Olive trees are fast-growing and produce beautiful spring flowers and an abundance of fruit in the summer. Most often grown as an ornamental or decorative tree, its ability to



thrive in pots makes it an ideal choice to grow indoors. It is also well-suited to be grown on

patios, on decks, in small gardens, and even on balconies!

Resistant to most pests and diseases, olive trees have very low maintenance requirements. They are perfect indoor specimens because they don't require chemical sprays. Just water them deeply, letting the soil dry out between watering. Olive trees are also self-pollinating, so only one tree is required to produce fruit. If maintained at a low height, hand-picking is easy. Even a small tree can produce up to 20 pounds of olives a year.

<b>Plant Type:</b>	Olive	
<b>Bloom Time:</b>	Spring	
<b>Shipped Size:</b>	12-24" tall	
<b>Mature height:</b>	As desired, by pruning	
<b>Origin:</b>	Product of USA; grown from cultivated stock	
<b>Light:</b>	Prefers sunny location	
<b>Hardiness:</b>	Zones 9-12 outdoors, but will require protection if temperatures fall below freezing; all zones indoors	

## Care Instructions

Olive Trees are great indoor and outdoor patio plants. They can be grown successfully for many years in pots as patio plants. Just move the tree, container and all, outdoors during warm summer months and bring it indoors before the weather dips below freezing. Keep the pot in full sun by a south facing window as much as possible.

Minimum outside temperature is 29°F.

Olive Trees will adapt well to growing in the container provided. As the tree grows, transplant it to a larger pot and eventually plant it in the ground to let it fully develop. You will enjoy watching it grow.

A healthy tree will need fertilizer twice a year, once in the spring and once in mid-summer.

Use a small amount of any slow-release fertilizer, following the directions on the package.

Prune often. Pinching off the growing tips will promote bushiness while removing a branch from the base will open up space within the center of the tree. A root prune can also help lengthen its viable potted life.

Water thoroughly regularly while letting the surface soil dry between watering.

Do not over water, but realize that potted plants need to be watered often. Be sure the pot drains well.



## Olive Tapenade

- 1 cup olives, pits removed (green or black olives, or a combination of both)
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 Tsp. lemon juice
- ¼ Tsp. black pepper
- 1 Tbsp. Capers, if desired



Place all ingredients into container of food processor. Process for a few seconds until ingredients are blended but not smooth.

Serve with crackers or flatbread.

Use as a spread on sandwiches for a unique taste treat.

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