



## Beyond the Herb Rack: Using Herbs Creatively in the Vegetable Garden

### Build an herb spiral

I was inspired to build my herb spiral by the book, *The Vegetable Gardener's Guide to Permaculture*, by Christopher Shein.

Check out my segment on the PBS show, *The Victory Garden*, for a how-to video that was shot in my yard. My part starts at minute 13 -

<https://www.theperennialplate.com/episodes/2015/03/vgef-episode-7-madison/>

Search Pinterest for "herb spiral" for lots of other ideas and photos

You can find my Pinterest boards here: <https://www.pinterest.com/createveggies/>

I sourced my bricks from Deconstruction Inc. in Madison: <http://www.dcisalvage.com/>

### Herbs I planted in my spiral from top to bottom:

Rosemary

Lavender

Silver Edged Thyme

Parsley

Onion Chives

Golden Sage

Purple Ruffles Basil

Calendula

Golden Oregano

### Plant in blocks

Contrast shape, color and texture

### Plant the bed ends

Use herbs and flowers to bring color and interest to the garden by planting the ends of some of your garden beds.

### Cooking with & Preserving Herbs

Favorite fresh herb recipe: Quick Pickled Vegetables over Herb-y Black Lentils at

<http://happyolks.com/joy-is-not-a-crumb/>

Basil Pesto

5 Herb Pesto - <http://www.101cookbooks.com/archives/five-herb-pesto-recipe.html>

Basil Ice Cubes

Parsley Logs - <http://awaytogarden.com/growing-and-storing-a-year-of-parsley/>

I make the chimichurri sauce for this recipe in the summer when I have fresh herbs and freeze it for winter eating. <http://frannycakes.com/recipes/cooking-the-books-the-blender-girl>

*Happy Gardening!*

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