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# Balcony & Small-Space Growing Planner

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## Month-by-month calendar, containers, soil mixes and harvest tracking

A visual planner for growing food on balconies, patios, windowsills, and rented spaces. Includes clickable resource links, layout sketch prompts, container tables, soil recipes, and printable logs.

**Clickable links** | **Printable worksheets** | **Europe-first** | **No hype**

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**10-minute promise**
You should be able to take one useful action before you finish your first coffee: measure a load, fill a container, sketch a balcony, or avoid one bad purchase.

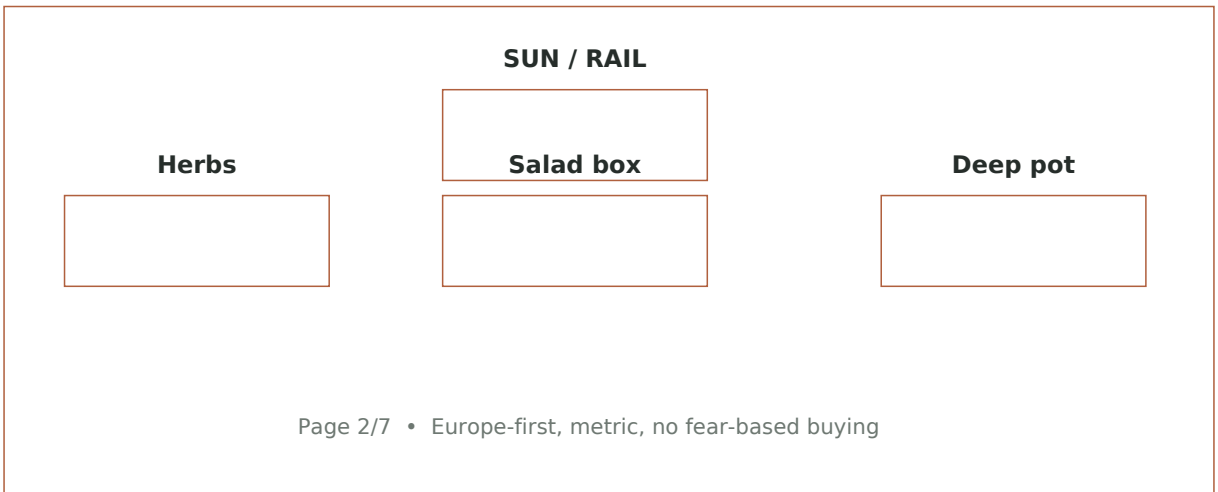
# 1. Your first 3-container garden

Start small: one herb pot, one salad container, and one deeper fruiting crop if you have enough sun. The goal is learning rhythm, not maximum yield.

- Observe direct sun for one week before buying plants.
- Check weight limits and wind exposure.
- Use containers with drainage and saucers.

# 2. Balcony layout sketch

**Sketch before buying**
Draw your sunniest wall/rail, wind side, water access, walking path, and safe weight zones. Put deep pots where they are easiest to water and least likely to fall.



**Water can**

**Walking path**

**Wind screen**

## 3. Seasonal calendar

| Season | Actions | Easy crops | Reminder |
|---|---|---|---|
| Winter | Plan, clean pots, microgreens indoors | Microgreens, herbs | Order seeds slowly |
| Spring | Start seedlings, sow hardy crops | Salad, radish, herbs | Protect from late frost |
| Summer | Water deeply, feed, harvest often | Tomatoes, beans, basil | Watch heat and wind |
| Autumn | Sow winter salad, clear spent crops | Kale, chard, spinach | Record lessons |

## 4. Container and soil tables

| Crop | Minimum container | Best for beginners | Link |
|---|---|---|---|
| Herbs | 3–5L | Basil, parsley, mint, thyme | Open link → |
| Salad leaves | 5–8L wide/shallow | Cut-and-come-again harvests | Open link → |
| Tomatoes | 15–30L + support | Sunny balconies only | Open link → |
| Potatoes | 30–40L grow bag | Fun family project | Open link → |
| Seed starting | Cell trays + fine mix | Early starts and experiments | Open link → |
| Grow light | Full spectrum LED | Dark windows / seedlings | Open link → |

## 5. Feeding, watering and harvest log

Sun hours: _____

Container list: _____

Watering rhythm: _____

First harvest goal: _____

| Item / action | Amount / size | Date | Notes |
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## 6. Clickable resources

Seed-starting balcony article → selfsufficient.cloud/seed-starting-balcony-gardeners-first-food-growing-kit/
Recommended Gear hub → selfsufficient.cloud/recommended-gear/
Water guide for plant water → selfsufficient.cloud/first-water-storage-apartments-europe/
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