



Barbecue Skewers Rosemary

Salvia rosmarinus 'Gorizia' - synonym: *Rosmarinus officinalis*

Gorizia, Rosemary is a selected variety from the northeastern part of Italy. It makes an excellent culinary herb and as an ornamental completes any Earth-Kind® landscape. This selection is fast growing with a vigorous upright growth habit. Its needle-like foliage which is double the size of other varieties has incredible flavor and fragrance. Their robust, straight stems are complemented with profuse sky-blue flowers that are like magnets for bees and other beneficial insects. This is the ideal plant for any Texan who likes to garden, cook, use dry herbs and especially barbeque as the woody stems make excellent skewers!

Exposure: Full sun is required for optimal growth and to maximize flower potential.

Size: 3 to 4 feet in height with a 30-to-36-inch plant spread.

Plant type: Generally hardy to USDA hardiness zone 8 and possibly 7.

Planting time: Year-round as smaller plants are typically available in the spring and larger plants establish better going into the heat of summer.

Growing requirements: 'Gorizia' Rosemary is a good choice for the edible garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container arrangement; plant it near the center of the pot, bordered by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges.



Plants prefer dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil and will often die in standing water. It is highly tolerant to urban pollution and will even flourish in inner city environments.

Special notes: The thicker woody stems make the best barbeque skewers. Strip off the leaves to use in the marinade or later for other culinary needs and soak the skewers for about 20 minutes which helps release the aromatics when cooking and minimizes any burning.

[Youtube video on "How to Barbeque with Rosemary Skewers"](#)

AgriLife Today article: ["Gorizia rosemary, aka Barbecue Skewers, newest Texas Superstar"](#)-->

