

Indoor Herb Kit: Included or Extra?

Compare what is inside the box against what you must buy separately-plus kitchen space & supply checks.

1. COUNTER FOOTPRINT, CABINET HEIGHT & OUTLET MEASUREMENTS

Counter Width x Depth Available: _____ in. x _____ in. Clearance Under Upper Cabinets: _____ in. (check max lamp height)

Distance to Grounded Outlet: _____ in. (keep dry/away from sink) Direct Sun Hours at Spot: _____ hrs (0-3 hrs = needs LED light)

2. INCLUDED-VERSUS-EXTRA COMPARISON WORKSHEET (VERIFY BEFORE BUYING)

Component	1. Seed-Only Bundle	2. Unlit Pot+Seed Kit	3A. Passive Pod Unit	3B. Pumped Hydro Unit
Seeds	Included (packets)	Usually included	Pre-seeded pods (check)	Varies (often empty sponges)
Growing Medium	Extra (buy potting mix)	Coir discs / starter mix	Stabilized substrate pods	Sponges + net cups
Containers / Base	Extra (buy drainage pots)	Small pots (check holes)	Passive wicking reservoir	Pumped liquid reservoir
Grow Light	Extra (window or lamp)	Extra (no lamp in box)	Included overhead LED	Included overhead LED
Nutrients	Extra (buy fertilizer)	Often extra after sprout	Pre-dosed in pod medium	Liquid plant food (check)
Power / Timer	None (unless adding LED)	None (unless adding LED)	AC cord + built-in timer	AC cord + lamp & pump
Replacements	Standard seed packets	Potting mix + seeds	Brand-compatible pods	Sponges + liquid nutrients
Eventual Repotting	Start in full-size pots	Pot up into 4-6 in. pots	Replace pod or pot up	Transplant or restart pod

3. REPLACEMENT-SUPPLY & MAINTENANCE EXPECTATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Confirm whether actual herb seeds are included in the box (not just empty sponges, domes, or baskets).
- ☐ Remember "indoor" does not mean dark-room ready: unlit pot kits still require a sunny window or separate LED.
- ☐ Check replacement pod compatibility, recurring pod/nutrient pack costs, and availability before committing.
- ☐ Plan for routine care: refilling water, pinching stems before they touch the LED, and cleaning reservoirs/pumps.
- ☐ Keep yield expectations realistic: compact 3-pod units supply fresh cooking sprigs, not bulk grocery harvests.
- ☐ Already own 4-6 in. drainage pots? Skip starter kits and pair your pots with a standalone white LED bar + timer.

4. EXTENSION & DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES (NO AFFILIATE LINKS)

UMN Extension Lighting for Indoor Plants: <https://extension.umn.edu/garden-and-home/yard-and-garden/gardening-in-minnesota/lighting-for-indoor-plants>
 UMN Extension Growing Herbs Indoors: <https://extension.umn.edu/garden-and-home/yard-and-garden/gardening-in-minnesota/growing-herbs>
 Click & Grow Smart Garden 3 Docs & Specs: <https://www.clickandgrow.com/products/the-smart-garden-3>