


# Lavender Topiary

 Medium to high Light, Direct Sun, 3-5 hours is best.

 Let soil dry slightly between watering, do not let it dry out completely.

 Normal room temperatures are fine.

 USDA Zone 5 to 9, depending on species.

 The lavender used in the washpot and the 3" terra cotta pots is Provence lavender. It's a slower growing hybrid. Because of its slow growth it will do fine in a building for some time. The lavender used on the ring is French lavender. This type grows much more rapidly. It may not last in a building for too long. It needs to be moved to a protected outdoor location.

Watering is the most important factor in keeping your topiary looking beautiful. Do not allow the topiary to sit in water or to go completely dry. Maintaining evenly moist soil slightly on the drier side is crucial. Use of softened water should be avoided as the salts can damage your plant.

Herbs prefer to be outdoors in full or partial sun. You may plant your topiary into the ground as long as there is no fear of prolonged freezing which would harm the roots. If you prefer to keep your herbal topiary indoors, rotate it outdoors as often as possible to keep it looking healthy. Dry air-conditioned or heated air may harm the plant.

Your topiary will need to be repotted every year or two to keep it from becoming root-bound. Remove the plant from its pot and gently loosen the root ball. Plant it in a container at least 1- 2" larger. Add additional soil to fill in the space. Water immediately and maintain the moistness until the plant has taken root in the new space.