

PLANTING GUIDE FOR LUCKY BAMBOO

Lucky bamboo is an indoor houseplant that is loved by many due to its low-maintenance care and good fortune vibes. It is actually a misnomer since it is actually a tropical water lily *Dracaena Sanderiana* from Africa. They come in different shapes, swirls and braided stalks that are usually placed in offices and residences for good feng shui. In Chinese culture, number 4 sounds similar to death, so never make the mistake of gifting a friend/family member that has 4 stalks in it. For cat and dog lovers, please note that this plant may cause some problems to cats and dogs.

Planting Lucky Bamboo plant:

A. Choose healthy looking plants by appearance. If the leaves and stems are yellowish, chances are they are unhealthy.

B. Decide whether the plant will be grown hydroponically or with soil. Hydroponic gardening means using stones and marbles without soil for plants to grow. Lucky bamboo plants require well-drained, rich potting soil.

C. Choose the right container. Containers come in different materials such as ceramics, tall glass vase or terra cotta pot. It usually depends on how you will grow the plant. If you choose the hydroponic route, a transparent, tall glass vase filled with decorative stones will be quite suitable. If you choose soil route, a regular, well-draining terra cotta pot is recommended.

D. Find a perfect location for your bamboo plant. It thrives well in bright, filtered sunlight as direct sunlight will burn the leaves. It prefers mild temperature between 18-32 °C.

E. If it's grown hydroponically, change the water every week. It is best to use bottled water as tap water contains chemical elements like fluoride and chlorine which may affect plant's growth.

F. Water the plant moderately. If it is growing in the soil, make sure not to make soil too soggy otherwise the plant can dry-rot.

G. Apply once a month organic fertilizer to your plant if you are growing it in the soil. On the other hand, apply liquid fertilizer in the water if you are growing it hydroponically.



Lucky Bamboo Care Tips:

- A. Choose filtered or bottled water as tap water may contain chemicals which can damage the plant.
- B. If the leaves become dry, it is most likely due to chemicals so it is best to change to filtered water.
- C. If the leaves become yellow, it is mostly likely due to too much sunlight or fertilizer.
- D. If the leaves become brown, try adding more humidity by spraying more water to the plant.
- E. Regularly trim the plant to keep it healthy looking.



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