



# Houseplants

## & Creating Indoor Gardens



When plants with similar light and water requirements are planted together, the result is a lush and beautiful indoor garden.

- These plants may grow to be very large. Plan and plant accordingly.
- ◆ These plants may require specialized soil mix, media, or fertilization.
- ✱ Check UF/IFAS Assessment of Non-native Plants: [assessment.ifas.ufl.edu](https://assessment.ifas.ufl.edu)

### Light Requirement

(measured in foot candles (ftc) at mid-day; see "Light for Houseplants" article on Gardening Solutions for descriptions of different light levels)

Direct Sun, 4+ hours

High (over 500 ftc, partial/indirect)

Medium (100-500 ftc, indirect)

Low (25-100 ftc, indirect)

Water Requirement  
(point at which planting should be watered)

Allow to dry

Water once soil surface layer is dry

Keep moist

Aloes ◆  
Crown of Thorns  
Jade Plant ◆

Ponytail ●  
Succulents ◆✱

Grape Ivy  
Jade Plant ◆  
Jewel-leaf Plant

Peperomia  
Succulents (some) ◆  
Wax Plant

Grape Ivy  
Jewel-leaf Plant  
Peperomia and Pilea

Wax Plant

*Few plants survive in conditions of extremely low light. Even the "low light" plants listed here will grow faster at higher light levels.*

Croton ●◆  
English Ivy ✱  
Fiddle Leaf Fig ●  
Flame Violet ◆  
Geraniums ◆  
Kalanchoes ◆✱  
Norfolk Island Pine ●  
Most herbs  
Oxalis species



Air Plants  
Begonias ◆  
Christmas Cactus ◆  
Corn Plant ●  
English Ivy ✱  
False Aralia ●  
Fiddle Leaf Fig ●  
Gloxinia ◆  
Kalanchoes ◆  
Kentia Palm ●  
Monstera ●  
Norfolk Island Pine ●  
Orchids (some) ◆  
Oxalis species

Philodendrons  
Pilea ◆  
Podocarpus ●  
Pothos ✱  
Prayerplant  
Velvet Plant  
Red Dracaena ●  
Snake Plant ●◆  
Spider Plant  
Tradescantia ◆✱  
ZZ Plant

Asparagus Fern ◆  
Bamboo Palm ●  
Bromeliads ◆  
Cast-Iron Plant  
Chinese Evergreens  
Christmas Cactus ◆  
Corn Plant ●  
Dumb Cane ●  
False Aralia ●  
Fastia ●◆  
Green Dracena ●  
Kentia Palm ●  
Monstera ●  
Orchids (some) ◆

Parlor Palm ●  
Philodendrons  
Pilea ◆  
Podocarpus ●  
Pothos ✱  
Prayerplant  
Velvet Plant  
Red Dracaena ●  
Rubber Plant ●  
Snake Plant ●◆  
Spider Plant  
Tradescantia ◆✱  
ZZ Plant

Bamboo Palm ●  
Cast-Iron Plant  
Fastia ●◆  
Kentia Palm ●  
Monstera ●  
Parlor Palm ●  
Peace Lily  
Philodendrons  
Pothos ✱  
Snake Plant ●◆  
ZZ Plant

Coleus ◆  
Hibiscus

African Violet ◆  
Areca Palm ●  
Calathea  
Flamingo Flower  
Lady Palm ●

Maidenhair Fern ◆  
Peace Lily  
Pygmy Date Palm ●  
Staghorn Fern ◆

African Violet ◆  
Bird's Nest Fern ◆  
Calathea  
Flamingo Flower  
Lady Palm ●

Maidenhair Fern ◆  
Peace Lily  
Pygmy Date Palm ●  
Staghorn Fern ◆  
Zebra Plant



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