



# *House Plant Guide*

To keep you all gardening  
during the winter months

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# *Ferns*

- These ancient plants will prefer a lightly shady spot in your home and will appreciate moist soil - though not too much water!
- There is a great range of types to choose from - some like the maidenhair have wonderfully delicate and light foliage, others like the evergreen staghorn possess a rich and dark evergreen form.
- They are incredibly versatile aesthetically and can be displayed in hanging pots for a cascading effect or in a more traditional setting on a table or mantelpiece.

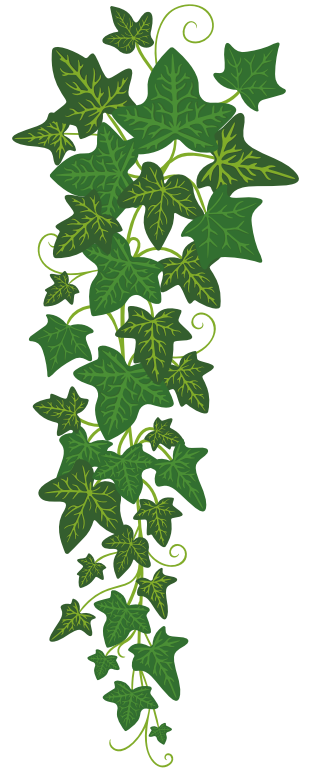
## **Our recommended varieties**

Maidenhair; bird's nest, button





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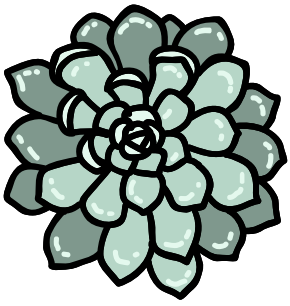
# *Trailing Plants*

- House plants that fall into this category offer a great opportunity for adding height and depth to your interiors.
- For the most effective visual impact have them spooling from hanging baskets by a window or arranged on a bookshelf to tumble down over the shelves.
- If you feel slightly apprehensive about this style then keep it simple - go for a variety of ivy, which are super easy to grow and maintain and look great arranged thus.

## **Our recommended varieties**

Wax plant, string of hearts, English ivy





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# *Succulents*

- Native to dry, humid climates - these plants tend to have enlarged fleshy stems and leaves to help maximize water retention.
- Give their roots a good water before you pot it and allow the soil to dry out before you re-water.
- They like a lot of sunlight so find a spot next to a bright window that gets plenty of sun during the day.
- In the colder months of the year, they need less watering as they do not put on a lot of growth at this time.

**Our recommended varieties**  
money plant, elephant bush





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# *Geraniums*

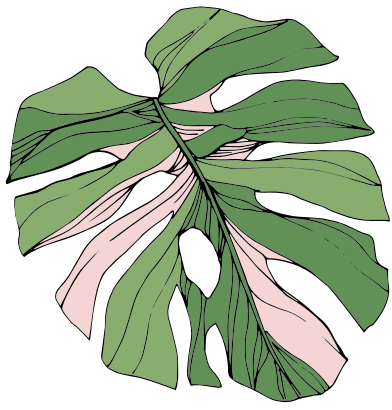
- A very popular choice, understandably so, who does not want an array of bright and colourful blooms in their home? Especially in the winter months.
- Geraniums are the perfect house plants - they can flower all year if given the right care - put them in a place where they will get plenty of sun and keep the soil moist.
- During the summer provide some protection from the hot midday sun, as the tips of the leaves can get scorched.
- They work great as cut flowers - display them in an elegant vase and pop it in on a sunny windowsill for some summer cheer.



## **Our recommended varieties**

Australian mystery, April shower





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# *Palms*

- Not surprising given their tropical origin, many palms like a lot of natural sunlight - though some varieties prefer indirect light so always double-check.
- Palms do not like their roots systems to be tampered with too often so they require re-potting less frequently than other house plants.
- These can make dramatic and bold displays in your interiors, especially if you go big.

## **Our recommended varieties**

Kentia, parlor





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# *General Tips*

- Houseplants do not like sitting in pools of water - it can lead to root rot and yellowing of leaves - so try to avoid overwatering.
- A good rule-of-thumb is to touch the surface of the soil - if it feels dry give the plant some water - If it feels damp then let it be.
- To keep your house plants at their healthiest it is good form to re-pot them semi-regularly into a larger pot with fresh compost - the spring and autumn are the best times to do this.
- If one of your house plants appears to be struggling, move it to a different spot to see if that makes a difference. It could just be a simple case of too much or little light.