

Winter 2016



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From the Ground Up

8 great green plants

1. Peace Lily
2. Chinese Evergreen
3. English Ivy
4. Dragon Tree
- 5 Snake Plant
6. Broadleaf Lady Palm
7. Cornstalk Dracena
8. Devil's Ivy

Bring some nature indoors

Foliage plants are great houseplants because they make the room greener and help to clean the air. They are also low-maintenance plants that come in a huge range of sizes, textures and styles.

Use ivy trailing down from high shelves to create movement or pot up a statement with bold ferns.

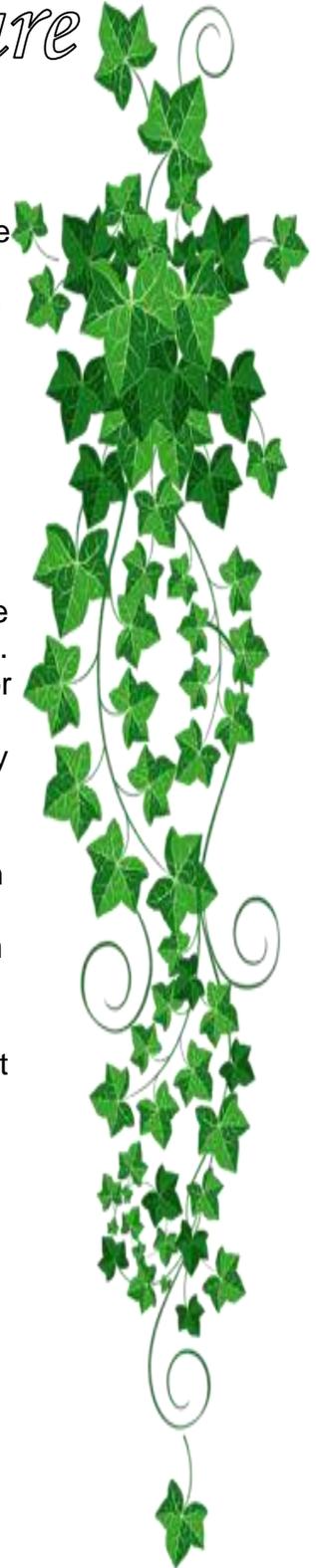
Large spiky and strap-leaved plants will make a striking architectural statement in any room. Try sansevieria, also called the snake plant or mother-in-law's tongue, which is very drought-resistant. Any of the dracaena family makes a dramatic statement as well.

For a dark shady corner, choose a plant with dark green leaves. This means it has high levels of chlorophyll so it won't need as much light to survive.

The worst thing you can do to any houseplant is to over-water. Indoor plants don't need much. Giving plants too much causes water will displace the oxygen in the soil and cause the roots to rot.

You should water plants only when the soil feels dry. To test it, push your fingers a half inch into the soil.

Watch out for temperature changes too. Plants are just as sensitive to icy drafts and burning heat as humans, so don't put them near external doors or radiators.



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Christmas is just around the corner and poinsettias are part of the festivities. Here are some care tips.

1. Pick a healthy plant with lots of leaves.
2. Ensure it gets home without frost damage. No – it cannot go from the store to the warm car without a coat (bagged) – even if it is only a few steps.
3. Watering is the #1 cause of failure of the poinsettia. They are native to areas such as California and are used to low water conditions. Over watering is the first thing we suspect when there is a problem. Water only when the plant is quite dry (if it is wilting, you've definitely waited too long). When it does need water give it a drink of about 1 cup of room temperature water for a plant in a 6" pot. Do not over-water and DO NOT LET IT SIT IN WATER!
4. Location – Through the Christmas season, it is not so important to meet the plants light requirements, but it is important to protect it from draughts – warm or cold. So up off the floor is a good idea and make sure there isn't a heat vent blowing on it either. It likes a daytime temperature of 20°C and cooler at night. After the season however, locate the plant where it will get good strong light, still protecting it from draughts.
5. Poinsettias can be kept as a houseplant year round if you have proper light conditions or if you prefer, in spring, with proper conditioning and when overnight temperatures are staying over 8-10°C your poinsettia may be moved outside for the summer. Locate where it will receive morning sun only. Afternoon sun is just too hot.
6. Getting your poinsettia to re-bloom is possible but tricky. Check at one of our flower shops for information on re-blooming if desired.



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