

AIR PLANTS

Mounting/Placement: Air plants can be grown nearly anywhere. They can be placed in small containers without soil or mounted on surfaces with waterproof glue, wire, or fishing line. Because air plants are sensitive to copper, avoid mounting them on treated wood or using copper wire to attach them. Because air plants need to dry out between waterings, they should not be grown in containers that hold water.

Light: Air plants should be grown in bright indirect light, preferably within 3 feet of a sunny window.

Watering: Water air plants with collected rainwater, spring water, or filtered tap water. Do not use unfiltered tap water (which may contain harmful salts) or distilled water (which contains no natural minerals). Air plants should be misted with a spray bottle 2-3 times per week, and should be submerged in a bowl of water for 5-10 minutes once every 10-14 days. After soaking, place the plants in a bright area with adequate air circulation and allow them to dry for 1-3 hours. Air plants may require more frequent watering during the winter months when heaters or fireplaces are in use.

Pruning: The lower leaves of air plants dry out and turn brown as the plants grow. Gently remove any unsightly growth as needed to maintain an attractive appearance.

Feeding: Mist air plants with a diluted fertilizer solution or a liquid bromeliad fertilizer two times each month.

Growth Cycle: Air plants flower and produce offsets (new plants) as they mature. Offsets can be removed from the parent plant or allowed to grow undisturbed as a clump. Remove offsets with a gentle twisting motion if desired.

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