

Homing in on Houseplants

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Slides

Introduction and outline, history

What sort of Indoor Gardener are you?

What's your space like, your needs? Can you think like a plant?

What's the right plant for your growing conditions?

- Light levels. Low, Medium, Bright. What plants like that?
- Watering. How much?

Popular (and easy) houseplants, top tips and care guide.

African Violet/*Saintpaulia*

Chinese Evergreen/*Aglaonema*

Devil's ivy, Pothos/*Epipremnum*

Dumb cane/*Dieffenbachia*

Fiddle leaf fig/*Ficus lyrata*

Jade plant/*Crassula ovata*

Peace lily/*Spathiphyllum*

Peacock plant/*Calathea**

Philodendron

Rubber tree/*Ficus elastica*

Snake plant/*Sansevieria*

Spider plant/*Chlorophyllum*

Weeping fig/*Ficus benjamina**

ZZ plant/*Zamioculcas zamiifolia*

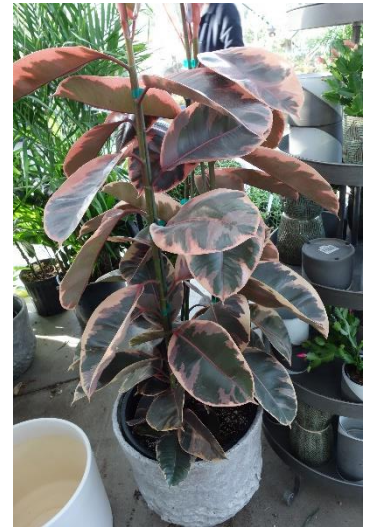
Ferns

Succulents, Cactus

Even more plants: Air plants, Bromeliads, Orchids...

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Repotting and Propagating: when and how ... Clean your pots! Repot in spring.



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Soils & Fertilizers

Pruning and Training

Houseplant Problem Diagnoses: Plant Problems and Pests. Prevention is better than cures.

Cultural problems: watering, light, leaf spots and sooty mold

Pests: aphids, fungus gnats, mealybugs, white fly, scale, spider mites

Resources: Online and Books

Resources	<p><i>Tipsheet #15 Houseplants</i>: http://extension.wsu.edu/king/houseplants-tip-sheet-15/ Pestsense.cahnrs.wsu.edu. Advice for houseplant pests:</p> <p>At WSU.edu find these free downloads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>What Can Go Wrong with Houseplants</i>: http://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2076/2017/07/C064-What-Can-Go-Wrong-With-Houseplants-15a.pdf• <i>Winter Houseplant Care</i>: https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2073/2014/03/Winter-Houseplant-Care.pdf• <i>Houseplant Cuttings</i>: s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2076/2017/07/C062-Houseplant-Cuttings-15a.pdf <p><i>The Spruce-Houseplant Care</i>: https://www.thespruce.com/search?q=houseplant+care</p>
Books	<p><i>The House Plant Expert</i> by D.G. Hessayon <i>Urban Jungle</i> by Igor Josifovic, Judith De Graff; blog https://www.urbanjunglebloggers.com/ <i>How Not to kill Your Houseplant</i> by Veronica Peerless <i>The Complete Houseplant Survival Manual</i> by Barbara Pleasant <i>Wild at Home</i> by Hilton Carter <i>The New Plant Parent</i> by Darryl Cheng</p>
More...	<p>Find blogs, Instagram accounts and newsletters online from well-known houseplant mavens, your local nursery, others. Here are a few, there are more.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>House Plant House</i>: https://houseplanthouse.com• <i>Plant Daddy Podcast</i>: https://plantdaddypodcast.com• <i>House Plant Journal</i>: https://www.houseplantjournal.com/blog/• <i>Indoor Gardening</i>: https://indoorgardening.com• <i>TheSill.com</i> (plants for beginners with instructions and advice)• <i>Urbanstems.com</i> (fast delivery)• <i>Shopterrain.com</i> <p>Shop local. Look for a house plant haven near you!</p>

EASY HOUSEPLANTS & THEIR PREFERRED CONDITIONS

	LOW (north-facing)	MED	BRIGHT (south-, west-facing, no sun)
DRY or dry between watering	Dumb cane/ <i>Dieffenbachia</i> * ^P Parlor palm/ <i>Chamaedorea</i> ^H Pothos/ <i>Epipremnum</i> * Snake plant/ <i>Sansevieria</i> ** Spider plant/ <i>Chlorophyllum</i> * Peperomia/ <i>Peperomia</i> ^{F P} ZZ plant/ <i>Zamioculcas zamiifolia</i> *	Corn plant/ <i>Dracena</i> * ^{F P} Dumb cane/ <i>Dieffenbachia</i> * ^{F P} Elephant Ear/ <i>Philodendron</i> ** ^O Heart-leaf Philodendron / <i>Philodendron</i> ^F Pothos/ <i>Epipremnum</i> * Split-leaf Philodendron/ <i>Monstera deliciosa</i> * ^{F P}	Air plant / <i>Tillandsia</i> African violet/ <i>Saintpaulia</i> ^P Bromeliad Family ^H Ponytail palm/ <i>Beaucarnea</i> ^P Rubber tree/ <i>Ficus elastica</i> * ^{F W} Sentry palm/ <i>Howea fosteriana</i> Snake plant/ <i>Sansevieria</i> ** ^F Umbrella tree/ <i>Schefflera</i> * Weeping fig / <i>Ficus benjamina</i> <u>Succulents</u> : Agave, Aloe, Haworthia, Kalanchoe
MOIST Not wet or soggy	Birds' nest fern/ <i>Asplenium nidus</i> ^F Chinese evergreen/ <i>Aglaonema</i> * ^D Cast iron plant/ <i>Aspidistra</i> ^{W F} Lady palm/ <i>Raphis excelsa</i> ^W Peace lily/ <i>Spathiphyllum</i> * ^F	African mask/ <i>Alocasia</i> Boston fern/ <i>Nephrolepis</i> ^O Flamingo flower/ <i>Anthurium</i> ^{F H} Peacock plant/ <i>Calathea</i> * ^{O P} Prayer plant/ <i>Maranta</i> ^{F P} Spider plant/ <i>Chlorophyllum</i> * Umbrella Tree/ <i>Schefflera</i> * ^{D F}	Croton/ <i>Codiaenem</i> ^{F H} Fiddle-leaf fig/ <i>Ficus lyrata</i> * ^P Jade plant/ <i>Crassula</i> ** Jasmine/ <i>Jasminoides</i> Guiana chestnut/ <i>Pachira</i> Zebra plant/ <i>Aphelandra</i> * ^P
	^W Reduce water in winter ^F Fertilize regularly ^H Need humidity, mist or saucer with pebbles ^D Avoid drafts/cold		^O May move outside to shade in summer ^P Repot every year or two * Easy Plants to Grow ** Flexible lighting but may not flower in low light

Bromeliads: soft leaves need soft light; stiff leaves need bright light