

Home Decor Houseplant

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Decorating with a variety small houseplants, adds aroma and decor of the residential home. Houseplants are very healthy to everyone, because plants take in carbon dioxide (which is exhaled), toxins, and pollutants, and in turn release clean oxygen. Unfortunately, some people are allergic to certain types of houseplants. An indoor houseplant adds brightness to a room, and always a cheerful sight, on any gray day or a dreary winter day. Using an unconventional pot to plant flowers would be stunning in a room. Such as, a teapot, watering can, jars, colored bottles, empty coffee can, or large glass pitcher. Anything, would seem unusual to hold a potted houseplant, will gain the most attention, in the room. Remembering, outside of any containment, can be painted or decorated, any form or variety, you desire, before adding any plant. Recommend, adding some small tiny rocks, white stones, sea shells, gravel stones, broken pieces of clay pots, or one coffee filter, at the base of any enclosed container. This gives any plant, proper drainage, preventing leaves from turning yellow and dying. Another type of drainage, making holes into the bottom of the container, where water would drain onto a small dish, underneath the plant. The small dish could be any size, shape or color. Displaying a plant, in a glass jar or large pitcher, would be interesting to observe, type of drainage inside the containment, and seeing roots of the plant. Certainly, noticeable if the plant needs to be re-potted, into a larger containment. The potting soil should have all the necessary nutrients added. Sometimes the plant will need fertilizer. An example of a fertilizer: PlanTea is an organic fertilizer, developed for houseplants. The ingredients include kelp meal, rock phosphate, bone meal, and dried botanicals. Planting seeds or bulbs, can be very interesting to see them grow, but patience, is certainly a requirement. Types of flowers that grow good, in shady conditions include, Amaryllis, Begonia, Bonsai Plants, Avocado, Cactus, Impatiens, and Coleus. Each has a unique appeal to a room. However, certain types of houseplants should be avoiding, since those plants, contain poisonous residue, can be toxic to children or pets. Those types of poisonous houseplants include: Flamingo lily, Angels wings, Kaffir Lilly, Cyclamen, English Ivy, Azalea, and Jerusalem Cherry. The average room temperature for a house plant, should be between 68 to 72 degrees fahrenheit, however slight above or below, won't effect the plant, except if the temperature, falls below 60 degree's, for any duration of time. Proper watering is always essential, depending on the type of houseplant. Collecting, rain water or melted snow, are the best, for watering houseplants. After purchasing houseplant, always check, to make sure plant is perfectly healthy. Check to see, if the plant has good color, no distorted leaves or flowers, the plant is not drooping, and there should be no signs of webbing, on any leaf, indicating insects or pest problem. When you bring a new plant home, should isolate the plant, from other plants, you have at home, for two to three weeks. This will avoid the possibility, transmitting any healthy problem, to other houseplants. Also, the same precaution should be followed, if you plan on re-potting the new plant, into a larger container. Trimming back any leaves on top portion, of the plant, provide the energy to grow new leaves, from lower portion, of the plant. Some houseplant owners would say, that soft music or talking to a houseplant provides, an additional source of fulfillment, for the plant to grow healthy. If you are unsuccessful growing houseplants, allergic to plants, or don't have the time to devote to the care of a houseplant, then you might consider an artificial houseplant. They are available in many department stores and different varieties. Certainly, there are many advantages, and disadvantages. There is no maintenance for artificial plants, except to occasionally, dusting from air pollutants, leaves never die, and never have to be watered. However, aroma and purification of the air, is not present.

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