

Airplants: Living Decor

Easy Care living adornments

Would you like a plant that looks great in any decor, requires little care, and can be a conversation starter with your guests? If so, an Air plants might be just the answer!

Airplants are epiphytes which means they grow in the nooks & crannies of trees, not needing their roots for any kind of growing in soil but only to hold on to branches or vines. This means you can place an air plant almost anywhere if it has basic lighting, watering, and feeding requirements met. You can attach it with glue to a magnet or piece of driftwood, place it into a decorative sand terrarium or place it on colourful pebbles--- the possibilities are vast!

Lighting:

Airplants like bright indirect light. Any window well illuminated by the sun for most of the day will work. Rooms with north-facing windows work well too if the plant is fairly close to the window and the light coming in is unblocked. Airplants are happy with no real sunlight in the room as long as you have a full spectrum fluorescent light on for 8 hours a day.

Temperature:

Indoor household environment from 15c to 35c works fine, keeping in mind that hotter should mean more moisture. Please avoid hot or cold direct drafts.

Watering:

This can be done by either misting or soaking or combination of both. They should be watered with rainwater or aged tap water as the chlorine is unhealthy for them. How much you water your plant depends on how much light it receives and how dry the area is around it. The hotter & dryer the air the more he will need water, but the cooler or more humid the air the less it will need. Generally, it can be misted liberally a couple of times a week or soaked once every two weeks for about 15 minutes. If soaking gently shake off any extra water after and let the plant dry on the bottom before placing in any container.

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Feeding:

Everything living needs to eat!

Airplants are easy to feed, just add a drop or two of liquid plant food to the watering about once every 6 weeks.

Flowering & propagation:

Your Air plants may flower for you! The colours and flower shapes are a delightful surprise on an already fun plant. Some flowers are scented as well. After flowering your plant will start to develop "pups" or baby plants as offshoots of the mother. These can be safely separated from the mother when 1/3 to 1/2 momma's size. Care for them as the mother of next generations, and share with your friends!

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