

Indoor Cultivation of Chinese Bamboo

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INTRODUCTION

Chinese Bamboo (*Dracaena sanderiana*) a native to Central Africa is a species of flowering plant. The plant is commonly known as "lucky bamboo". It has become the most popular indoor plant in certain parts of India.

It is much easier to grow as a houseplant. The Chinese bamboo is the most renewable plant due to its ability to grow at a fast rate.

STEPS TO GROW LUCKY BAMBOO

1. Choose your plant - Get a plant with bright green leaves. If the stems or leaves are yellow or brown, don't use it as the plant is unhealthy. For professional growing, take the stalks and curl them into an intricate design.
2. Decide how you want to grow it - It's quiet easy and clean to grow it hydroponically in water and stones, though it can also be grown in soil.
3. If you want to grow it hydroponically, the container you are going to use should have enough stones or marbles in the bottom to balance or stabilize it.
4. The Chinese bamboo requires at least 1-3 inches of water to thrive. For growing it in soil, well-drained and rich potting soil is perfect. It requires to be moist but not soaked. Also, add some small rocks to the bottom of the pot in case of soil too for proper draining.
5. Select the right container - Either Put the bamboo plant in a tall glass vase/ ceramic container or leave it in the container it comes in.
6. Use a clear container for growing the plant hydroponically and use a regular pot in case of growing it in soil.
7. Mendatory- Select a pot 1 foot (30 cm) in height as the plant will required to be stabilized at its peak height. For soil, fill the pot up most of the way with your rich soil and make sure it has proper drainage.



8. Choose the right spot -It will grow best best in bright and filtered sunlight. Direct sunlight is harmful for the leaves.
9. Keep the plant away from the air conditioning or vent as the requires an air temperature between 65°F - 90°F.
10. Water - If you are growing it hydroponically, change the water every week. The plant is sensitive to levels of flouride and chlorine, so use water accordingly. For soil, water to keep it moist, do not make it soggy.
11. Fertilize the plant every month - For soil, use organic fertilizers or so for fulfilling the nutrition requirements.
12. For hydroponic method, go for liquid fertilizers but keep in mind to dilute it to one tenth proportion as Chinese bamboo doesn't require much fertilizer.