

RUBBER TREE *Ficus elastica*

Rubber Trees perform best in bright indirect sunlight. The plants are characterized by their large, oval burgundy foliage. Here it is planted in a textured matte-white ceramic pot. Check the soil for dampness once a week. If dry, add about a cup of water, keeping in mind that any excess will build up in the bottom and should be avoided. Mist leaves often and avoid cold drafts for best results.

GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN:
Southeast Asia

GREAT FOR: Bright light

FEATURES:
Low-maintenance; Air-purifying

GROWTH RATE: Fast



LIGHT

Bright, indirect light is best. A few hours of direct morning sun is okay but too much will dull the leaves. Will become leggy in low light. Dust leaves monthly to ensure they can



LEVEL OF CARE

Easy! Just make sure it has enough sunlight and that you don't overwater.



FERTILIZER

Feed with a liquid, indoor plant fertilizer about 1-2 times a month during the growing season. Do not fertilize in winter.



PRUNING & PROPAGATION

Prune damaged leaves by breaking to the leaf node. Can trim new growth to reduce height and control shape. Propagation is difficult outside of greenhouse settings.



WATER

About once a week. Allow the top 2 inches of soil to dry. Water less often in winter.



TEMPERATURE

Prefers warm, humid conditions around 60-75F. Keep away from drafty windows and air conditioners.



SOIL

Use a well-draining, All-Purpose potting soil. Young plants should be transplanted annually. Once mature, transplant every 2-3 years to give room to vast root network.



PET FRIENDLY?

Mildly toxic. Sap can cause mouth irritation and indigestion if consumed.

