

## The Best Plants to Keep in Your Home: Beginner Edition

As an avid plant enthusiast, I have developed quite the plant collection. I have created my own personal bedroom jungle over the last year, which has made me a mediocre plant expert. As my collection has grown, I've developed a comprehensive list of the best plants to keep in your home.

Now obviously, this is my opinion. You may like different plants than me or feel differently about various plants care and that's fine! These are just the plants that I feel are easiest to take care of and provide the best visual pay off, whether that be how they look or how much they grow.

Starting of the list strong we have *Monstera Deliciosa*. A beautiful, large, and lush plant, the *Monstera Deliciosa* – often more affectionally referred to simply as 'Monstera' – is a large plant that can really fill up a space but requires very little effort on your part to thrive. Regularly putting out large leaves featuring interesting fenestrations, the *Monstera* will be happy simply with a normal watering schedule and some decent light. I have had my *Monstera* for over a year and it has put out 5 new LARGE leaves since I purchased it and always looks healthy and happy. I have only needed to repot it once as they tend to like being a bit root-bound in smaller pots. I gave mine a moss pole for climbing support since they *are* climbing plants when in their natural tropical rainforest environment. Place them in range of a window providing bright but filtered light and watch them flourish!

Next up we have a cousin to the *Monstera Deliciosa*, the *Monstera Adansonii*. I'm only going to touch on this one briefly since it's care closely resembles that of the *Deliciosa*, but it is such a gorgeous and easy plant it must be included in this list. The *Adansonii* – much like the *Deliciosa* – is a tropical climbing plant featuring interesting fenestrations in its leaves. Often called the 'Swiss Cheese Vine', the *Adansonii* features numerous holes per leaf giving it a similar look to swiss cheese. The *Adansonii* comes in two distinct forms – wide and narrow. The narrow form features thinner and pointier leaves with just a few holes per leaf, whereas the wide form leaves are larger and rounder leaves covered in holes. Whichever form you prefer, the *Adansonii* gives a unique touch to your home.

Are you looking for an interesting but hearty plant that can grow in almost any condition? Pick up a *Pothos*! One of, if not *the* most versatile plant is the *Pothos*. With over 20 varieties of *pothos* to choose from, you can certainly find a version that you like. Being able to thrive as both a trailing plant or a climbing plant in almost any light condition, the *pothos* is a plant beginners dream. They look lush and beautiful almost all the time (provided you can remember to water them!) and can be easily propagated to make more plant babies!

Finally, one of my personal favorites, the Burgundy Rubber Tree. Being a type of *Ficus*, Rubber trees can be a bit temperamental, but are much more forgiving than other *Ficus* varieties if

you're a newer plant parent. Offering a unique look with dark purple leaves, the Burgundy Rubber Tree is an amazing addition to anyone's plant collection. While they need a bit more attention than any of the other plants on this list, they are forgiving and fast growers. Just don't fear the leaf dropping with these babies!

Whatever decor style you like, bringing in greenery and life into your home through plants is a must. If you're a total beginner or just looking to expand your collection, follow along for more tips on how to care for your plant babies and use them to add style to your space.