

ZZ Plant

Zamioculcas zamiifolia

HEIGHT AND SPREAD:

Very slow growing 2-4 feet by 2-4 feet

HOW TO GROW:

Choose a container with drainage holes, fill it with well draining potting mix, and plant so the tubers are just beneath the soil surface.

LIGHT:

This plant prefers medium to high light. 1 to 3 hours of sun is perfect, but tolerates low light well. Needs support in low light.

WATER:

Water slightly more in summer than in winter. In general, keep the soil on the dry side, watering thoroughly when dry.

FERTILIZER:

It is not necessary to feed this plant, but if you want to boost its growth, apply a fertilizer like Miracid (30-10-10), mixed according to directions, once a month from March to October.

PRUNING:

Pruning is not necessary, but you can cut back individual branches as needed.

PROPAGATION:

This plant is extremely easy, but slow to propagate. Simply break off a healthy leaf and place it in a cool, dry place for a few hours so it forms a callus. Then plant it in moistened sand inside a half-closed plastic zip-loc bag. Place the bag in bright, indirect light and add water to keep the sand moist, Within a year, when the leaf forms roots, pot it up into well-draining soil.

PESTS AND DISEASE:

This plant is virtually pest and disease free.