

# Houseplants Anyone Can Grow

If you're looking for low-maintenance, no-fuss greenery, check out these. Even those without green thumbs can keep these hardy plants thriving: Just dust occasionally, water every two weeks (unless otherwise noted), and pluck away any dead leaves.

## Earth Star

You can't miss the earth star's unusual color: Its long, tapered leaves are pink, with some silver, green, or brown stripes. The earth star does not grow up- it grows out. You usually buy one rosette, and then the rosettes multiply (you can remove them and replant in other pots if you like). A north facing window-average sun, is perfect. Fazio says it's bug resistant (indoor plants can become infested with insects that fly in through the window) and very adaptable to different environments.

## Peace Lily

This lush plant can grow to be three feet tall by three feet wide. Stems with green, elliptical leaves and tiny flowers shoot up from its base; protective structures around the flowers are white. Low light is adequate, but it needs to be watered about twice a week.

## Cast-Iron

Brownish-purple flowers bloom near the base of its dark-green leaves, which may be speckled and grow to about four inches wide and up to two and a half feet tall. It tolerates low light.

## Chinese Evergreen

With sturdy green-and-white foliage, this one averages three feet tall by two feet wide. Even artificial light is no problem for this slow-growing specimen.

## Grape Ivy

Hanging vines grow up to two feet long, with shiny leaves that are small and scalloped. Low natural or artificial light is sufficient.

## India Rubber

This is a great floor plant, even in a room that doesn't get direct sun. It grows up to four feet high with large, dark-green (sometimes maroon-tinted) leaves.

## Snake Plant

Stiff, narrow leaves grow straight up from the soil line. It thrives in under-lit rooms and needs watering only once a month. The thick, pointy "snakes" are green or green with white stripes and grow to about 18 inches tall. It also has a high resistance to insects.