

Keeping Houseplants Alive

A How-To Guide



Introduction



Hello there plant parents!

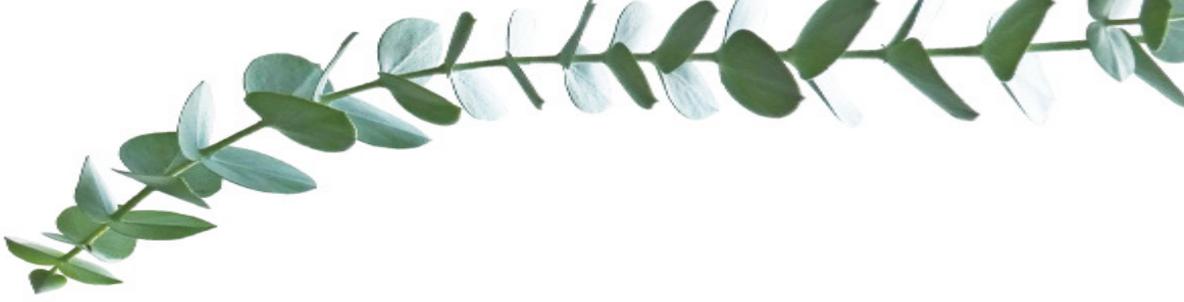
Do you love plants but struggle to keep them alive and thriving? Whether you have a green thumb or not, this guide is here to help you better understand how to take care of your plants so you can enjoy them for years to come.

Table of Contents

Basics of Plant Care	Page 2
What Plant should I Buy?	3
Caring for Flowers	4
Caring for Succulents	5
Caring for Ferns	6
Caring for Vines	7

For more information, tips and tricks for keeping houseplants, visit thehouseplantguru.com.

Basics of Plant Care



1. Keep the soil moist but not wet.

You can test how wet the soil is by sticking your finger up to the knuckle into the soil. If the soil feels damp then there is no need to water, but if the soil feels dry then water the plant thoroughly.



2. Select an area with adequate sunlight.

Plants require sunlight in order to undergo photosynthesis. The quality, duration, and intensity of light all affect a plant's growth.



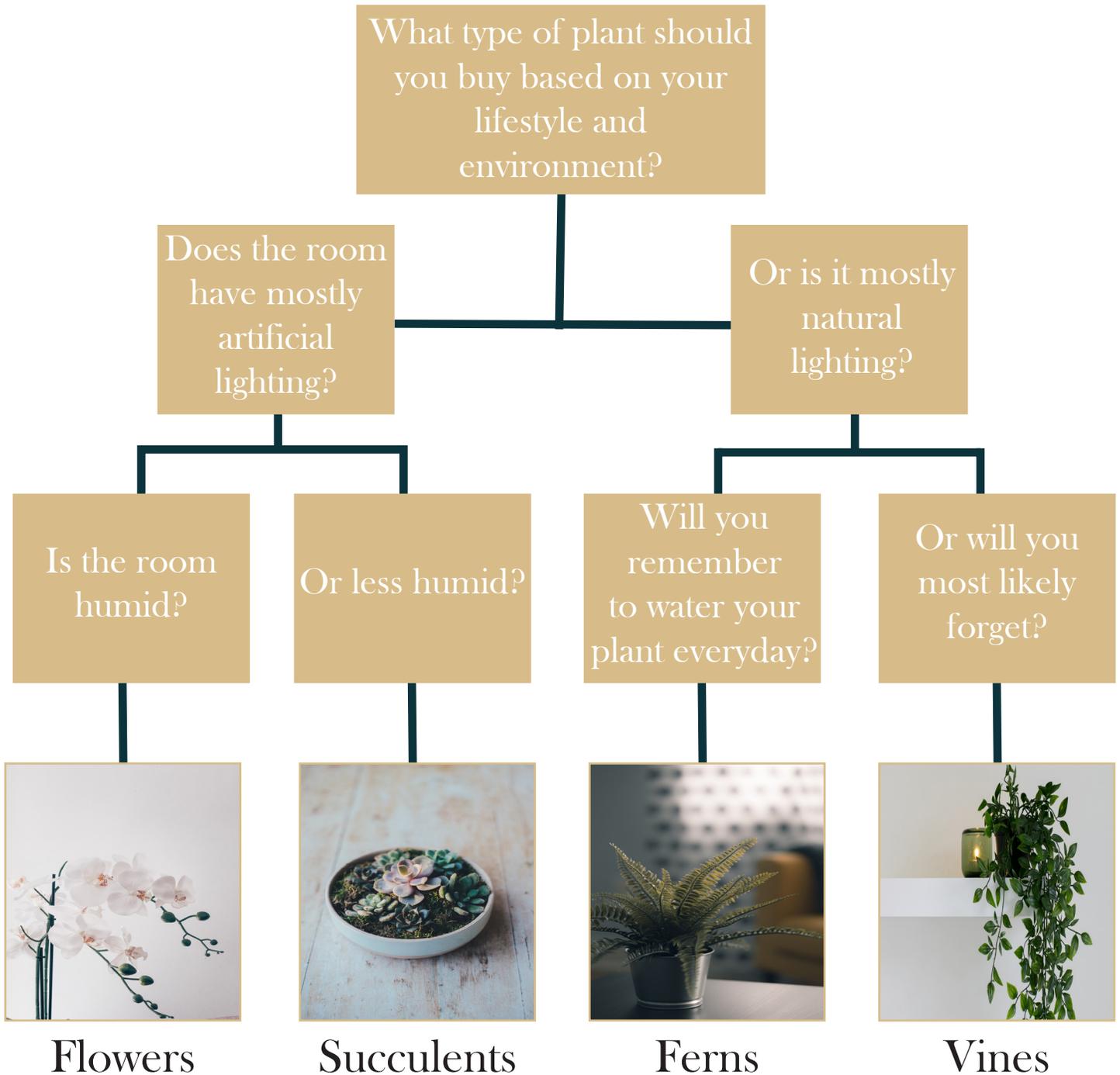
3. Regularly prune your plant.

Dead branches or stems can attract bugs and stunt the plants growth. Cut off the dead pieces at a 45 degree angle to help keep the bugs off and promote growth.

What plant should I buy?



One of the first steps of plant parenthood is deciding what type of plant best fits your lifestyle. Use the flowchart below to see which plant is right for you!



Caring for Flowers

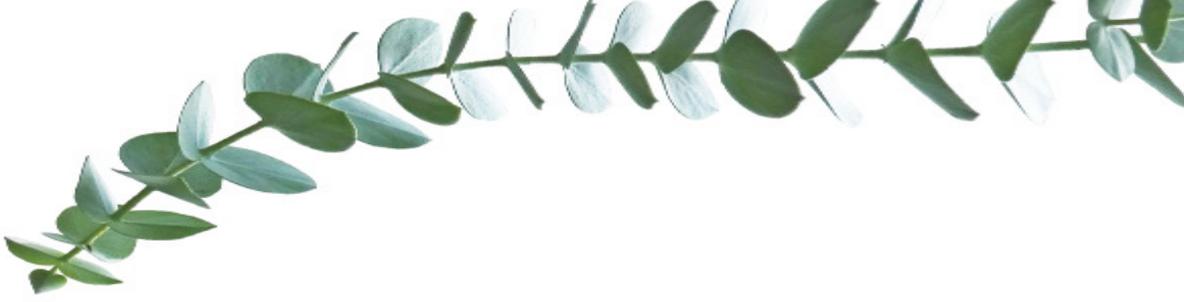


Flowering plants have a cheerful and elegant feel to them. They make great gifts, party decorations, and can add a lot of color and sweet smells to a space. They are perfect for someone who lives in a darker place or doesn't want a plant that involves a lot of work.

What you need to know about caring for flowers:

- 1. Water* once or twice a week in spring and summer and as often as needed in autumn and winter.
- 2. Grow* in a pot that allows drainage.
- 3. Plant* in potting mix that is only 1/3 soil.
- 4. Choose* a place with decent natural light, however, flowers only need sun for at least an hour a day.
- 5. Prune* the plant by cutting off each dry or faded bloom.

Caring for Succulents



Succulents have an aesthetic to them that will make your Instagram feed look incredible but do require some work to keep them that way. These plants need more sunlight than water, making them a great fit for someone who is never home to take regular care of it. It is important to note that your room needs to get adequate sunlight for your succulent to thrive.

What you need to know about caring for succulents:

- 1. Water* when the soil is dry but water more frequently during the warmer seasons.
- 2. Grow* in cactus soil that allows good drainage and also in a pot that allows drainage.
- 3. Fertilize* once a month in the summer.
- 4. Choose* a spot with lots of sunlight as this plant requires at least 6 hours of light a day. Turn the plant so a new spot faces the sun each day.
- 5. Clean* the branches and stem gently with a damp cloth as needed. Dust can attract bugs and grow mold on the plant.

Caring for Ferns



Ferns are large plants and need lots of space to grow. This plant is perfect for someone who lives in a darker area as they do not require much sun. They require a lot of work so make sure that you take time to care for it daily. However, the beautiful greenerary that will flourish is worth all the work.

What you need to know about caring for ferns:

1. Water a little everyday to keep the soil moist but not soaking.

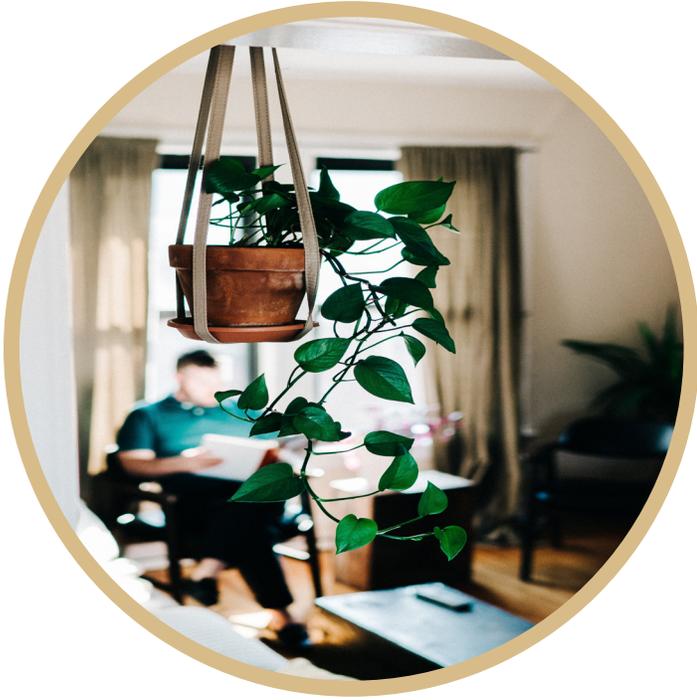
2. Grow in a large pot, but be ready to transplant in about a year.

3. Fertilize your plant once a month, however, you should wait 6 months after planting to begin.

4. Choose a place with more shade and ambient (rather than direct) sunlight.

5. Prune the plant by removing the dead parts of the fern.

Caring for Vines



Vines can make a space feel more homey, warm, and inviting, but they require some attention. They must be watered and pruned regularly. If you live in a house with high ceilings then this plant would be great for you as they require lots of room to grow.

What you need to know about caring for vines:

- 1. Water* when the top 2-3 inches of soil is dry.
- 2. Grow* in a hanging pot or add sticks for the vine to grow upward.
- 3. Fertilize* every once a week for smaller plants and every 2 weeks for larger plants.
- 4. Choose* a place with a decent amount of light since this plant requires at least 4 hours of sun a day.
- 5. Prune* the plant each spring to promote growth.