



Five Easy to Grow Houseplants!

You want to buy a houseplant but you don't know which one to get. You have a brown thumb so you are looking for a plant that is easy to take care of. Don't worry! There are some houseplants out there that are easy to grow *and* make you look like a pro. The following five houseplants can bring beauty and color to your home for years to come.

Golden Pothos- I actually have one of these in my own home. If you can't grow this plant, then shame on you! Pothos is an undemanding, fast growing plant vine that is suitable for sunny or shady spots. Bright light will cause the green and yellow leaves to become more colorful.

Snake Plant- This plant is also called "mother-in-law's tongue," for its long pointed leaves. This plant can grow four feet tall and it thrives in low light conditions. There are also dwarf varieties that you can grow in a dish garden or a small container.

Cast-iron Plant- The name alone lets you know that this plant is virtually indestructible. It is a bushy plant with dark green, leathery leaves that are not showy. It tolerates low light, draft and irregular watering. It is a very slow grower.

African Violet- These plants provide beautiful indoor colors which are unbeatable. The flowers come in pink, red, white, blue, purple, violet and bicolors. African violets need a little extra care because they bloom almost nonstop. They need bright, indirect light and a fertilizer that is made specifically for them.

Jasmine- If you are looking for a fragrant houseplant, try jasmine. It is a small, sweet smelling plant that has star shaped blossoms from winter into early spring. Jasmine needs four to six hours of bright light each day.

You can't go wrong with these five easy to grow houseplants. Any one of these easy-care and virtually "bulletproof" houseplants would be an excellent choice for the novice gardener. You can find houseplants for sale almost anywhere. I have seen them in the grocery store and at many of the big box stores. They are also available at many of the local nurseries. The Memphis Botanic Garden is having a "Green Your Home Winter Plant" sale. I am sure that they will have houseplants for you to purchase. Check the Commercial Appeal garden calendar for dates and times. Until next time, happy gardening!



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