

# MONSTERAS



#### Why We Love Monsteras:

Most Monsteras are known for their iconic "cut outs," or fenestrations. These unique leaves evolved to let heavy tropical rainfall move through easily, preventing damage. They also make it easier for leaves to grow huge and reach more light. Monsteras are perfect in a pot on their own or climbing up a moss pole. They are easy to care for and perfect for beginner plant parents.

#### **FACTS**

Grow Zone: 10 - 12

Family: Araceae

Genus: Monstera

Native To: Tropical Central & South Americas

Mature Height: 6 - 7' (50'

outside)

Mature Width: varies

Type: Evergreen vining

perennial

**Growth Habit: Climbing** 

<u>Foliage</u>: Very large, wide, dark green fenestrated

leaves

<u>Flowers</u>: Inflorescence with green spathe & white spadix

**Propagation**: Cuttings

## **LIGHT**

Thrives in medium to bright, indirect light.

Will tolerate partial shade, but will not thrive in truly low light or under fluorescent lights.

#### **WATER**

Water once most of the soil has dried out.

As epiphytes with aerial roots, they are sensitive to overwatering.

## **SOIL**

Well-draining. Mix in ingredients such as perlite or lava rocks to increase aeration.

Fertilize once a month with a 20-20-20 solution during spring and summer.

FYI: Many Philodendrons or Rhaphidora plants are mistaken as Monsteras.
Thankfully, they usually like the same care.

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#### **INTERESTING VARIETIES:**

- Monstera adansonii
- Monstera dubia
- Monstera obliqua
- Monstera karstenianum (Monstera sp. Peru)
- Monstera deliciosa
- Monstera variegata
- Monstera punctulata