

FERNS as Houseplants

Common Name:

Maiden Hair Fern - Houseplant

Botanical Name:

Adiantum capillus-veneris



Light & Temperature needs:

- Bright indirect light, set back from an Eastern or Southern window.
- Household temperatures 64°F to 75°F.

Water:

- Likes to stay evenly moist with high humidity. Whenever the top of the soil feels even slightly dry, it's time to water.
- A tip for keeping up humidity, leave this plant in a plastic nursery pot and then place that in a decorative container. The water will drain out but keep the root ball moist.
- Don't leave it standing in water.

Feeding information and General Care tips:

- Feed like most houseplants during our spring-summer with fertilizer diluted to half strength. Once a month from March through September.
- Maiden Hair Fern likes companions to help encourage more humidity. Place it on a humidity tray too. Don't place your fern near or on top of a radiator or heater in the winter since that area will be too dry.
- Trim your "Maiden's" "hair" regularly-- fronds WILL turn brown or die back. Just trim back to the soil surface and new fronds will grow.

Best location in home:

- Loves a bright bathroom or hanging by the kitchen sink where it will stay warm and moist.

Example of how to enjoy it:

- Place your Maiden Hair Fern in it's ideal location but also where you will remember to check moisture levels every day.
- If you are at the kitchen sink every morning, place nearby so you can check the soil daily and spritz with a mister to keep up the humidity.