



MONSTERA DELICIOSA • SWISS CHEESE PLANT

The Monstera Deliciosa or swiss cheese plant, is a large, popular, easy-care houseplant. There is a great deal of confusion about what to call this plant; the various names have become inter-changeable over the years. Some other names for this plant are: Window Leaf Plant Ceriman, and Mexican Breadfruit Plant. Whatever we call them, these plants are native to the jungles of Mexico, Panama, and India, have big glossy heart-shaped leaves that, as the plant matures, split from the leaf edge to the center vein. If you want a big, tropical, low maintenance plant, this one is perfect.

CARE

LIGHT

A Monstera Deliciosa needs medium to bright light. It can survive in lower light, but the leaves won't split and the plant becomes leggy. Keep it out of the direct sun.

WATER

Water well until the water drains out the drip holes in the bottom of the pot. Allow the top 25-30% of the soil to dry out before watering again. Keep the soil damp but never soggy. Water droplets or perspiration on the leaves indicate over-watering; brown leaf edges indicate under watering.

FERTILIZER

Feed every two weeks when the plant is actively growing with a balanced plant food diluted to 1/2 the recommended strength.

TEMPERATURE

This plant prefers warm temperatures and doesn't do well in temperatures below 50°F.

HUMIDITY

Monstera Deliciosa grow better in high humidity, but adapt to household humidity.

FLOWERING

A Monstera Deliciosa rarely flowers when grown as a houseplant.

PESTS

Monstera Deliciosa are fairly immune to plant pests; but if mealy bugs, spider mites, aphids, or scale appear, spray with household use insecticide.

DISEASES

Watch out for bacterial diseases such as erwinia blight, xanthomonas leaf spot, and leaf tip burn especially in warm, humid environments.

SOIL

Does well in a rich soil that contains a good amount of peat moss. The soil needs to drain quickly to prevent root rot.

POT SIZE

Unlike most indoor plants, a Monstera Deliciosa prefers to be in a large pot. These bigger pots promote larger leaves

PRUNING

Try to keep the large leaves clean and dust free. This plant needs to be aggressively trimmed or it can take over a room.

PROPAGATION

Propagate using stem cuttings. Be sure to include a few leaves and a few plant nodes on each cutting and to allow the cutting to sit out over night before planting. This helps prevent the developing roots from rotting.