

A great choice for beginners looking for a stalwart with foliage interest, the Dracaena produces fountains of strappy, variegated leaves, which form a rosette atop tall, cane-like stems on mature plants.

They thrive in a medium to bright light but do quite well in low-light conditions. The hybrid 'Janet Craig' is most often used as a low-light plant. The variegated varieties would need a much bright place to keep their color. The leaves get dusty quickly, so either give the plant a shower when necessary or wipe down the leaves often.



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*Dracaena deremensis*

## DRACAENA



## Light

These plants are quite tolerant of low-light levels, but would prefer a medium light to really thrive.

Bright indirect/Medium

## Watering

The Dracaenas as a group do not like to be overly wet, but slightly moist. Water when the top 1" of soil is dry. They are sensitive to fluoride in tap water, so if your water has this chemical added, using rainwater or bottled water will prevent the plant tips from browning. Keep the potting soil moist from Spring to Fall, and barely moist in Winter. Set on a tray of wet pebbles and keep at low to moderate humidity.

## Feeding

Feed every 2 weeks during the growing season with a balanced houseplant fertilizer such as *Espoma Organic Indoor Houseplant Food*

## Planting & Care

Grow with Black Gold® All Purpose soil. Plants thrive best in bright indirect or medium light, but can survive (not grow) in low light. Air layer the stem then remove the top of the plant once new growth has begun. Repot every 2-3 years.

## Size

These plants can reach large proportions, but most likely won't grow to more than 10 feet in your home and that after many years.

## Flower

A stem of white flowers can sprout from among the leaves, but most often will not be seen in the home setting.

## Temperature

60-75°F

## Humidity

Low to Moderate

## Care

Easy

## Cultivars

- 'GOLD STAR'
- 'WARNECKII'
- 'LEMON LIME'
- 'JADE JEWEL'
- 'DORADO'
- 'HAWAIIAN SUNSHINE'
- 'JANET CRAIG COMPACTA'