

This popular fern is an easy houseplant as long as you can provide it with good light and plenty of humidity. Many admire this fern, grow it outside all Summer, and yet when they bring it in the house, are disappointed when it drops leaflets like crazy. This is normal, especially as it acclimates from the light levels and humidity outside to the lower levels in our homes. Acclimating the fern to lower light levels before bringing it inside will help reduce leaf drop. Dropping leaves is part of its natural aging process and will do so even if its permanent home is inside. This is a beautiful airy plant and worth a little clean up. Place it on a pedestal to show off its airy, arching fronds.

Known for its fountain of arching, finely divided, green fronds which look spectacular in any collection.



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*Nephrolepis sp.*

## FERN- BOSTON



## Light

Ferns in general love a medium light. They can tolerate low light such as a north window provides, though the medium light in an east window would be its preference.

Bright indirect/Medium

## Watering

Keep this fern evenly moist, but not wet (fronds can rot in soggy potting soil). Allow the top of the potting soil to slightly dry out between waterings in the Winter. Place on a tray of wet pebbles to raise the humidity.

## Feeding

Apply a balanced liquid fertilizer (Espoma® Organic Indoor Liquid Organic Plant Food) monthly from Spring to early Fall.

## Planting & Care

Grow with Black Gold® All Purpose soil. Place out of direct sunlight in bright or medium light. A room with good ventilation is an ideal home. Repot every 2-3 years if the plant becomes root-bound.

## Flower

Ferns do not produce flowers.

## Size

This is a large fern that can become 3 feet tall and wide.

## Temperature

54-75°F

## Humidity

Medium

## Care

Average



## Cultivars

- 'TIGER FERN' - A cultivar with striking variegation on the fronds.
- 'LEMON BUTTON FERN' - The leaflets of this diminutive fern are round like buttons and are staggered up the frond, overlapping each other.
- 'COTTON CANDY FERN' - A fluffy, foamy fern that does resemble swirls of cotton candy.
- 'RITA'S GOLD FERN' - This bright chartreuse fern is an exceptional variety that adds a bright spot to any room.
- 'KIMBERLY QUEEN'
- 'MACHO FERN'
- 'SWORD FERN'
- 'FLUFFY RUFFLES FERN'

