

This classic large plant first became popular in the 1970s. Admired for its glossy, heart-shaped, lobed and perforated leaves, which give rise to its name, this easy-care plant.

Currently, this is one of the most popular houseplants. They are thought to have holes in the leaves to combat the strong winds and large amounts of rain they can be exposed to high in the trees of the rainforest. They do send out aerial roots to gather more moisture and to stabilize themselves. Do not allow them to attach themselves to your wood floors or other surfaces as they will leave marks when pulled away.



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*Monstera deliciosa*

# MONSTERA DELICIOSA

(SWISS CHEESE PLANT)



## Light

Monstera can tolerate low light, but would prefer a medium to bright light. In their native habitat, they start life on the jungle floor and scramble along until they find a tree to cling to then climb to the top for light.

Bright indirect

## Watering

Allow the top 1"-2" of soil to dry out before watering.

## 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. Set in bright indirect or medium light, shaded foliage will not produce holes. Prune in Spring, and wipe the leaves regularly to remove dust. Repot every 2-3 years or replace the top layer of potting soil annually in the Spring.

## Size

The plant can get quite large and will need a lot of room to grow. Growing it on a moss pole is best so it has something to cling to. Average is between 6 and 10 feet tall, but can get up to 26 feet tall and 8 feet wide.

## Flower

The flower most likely will not appear in the house. Another nickname for this plant is the "fruit salad" plant because the ripe fruit (which resembles an ear of corn) is edible and said to taste like a cross between a banana and a pineapple.

## Temperature

65-80°F

## Humidity

Moderate

## Care

Easy