

Ficus Elastica, Rubber Plant (Small) - Plant



The rubber plant (Ficus elastica) is a popular ornamental plant from the Ficus genus. For the indoor grower looking for a tree type plant species with attractive foliage, this is an excellent choice.

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Price

299

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Description

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4 inch Grower Round Plastic Pot (Black)

Description for Ficus Elastica, Rubber Plant (Small)

Plant height: 3 - 6 inches

Plant spread: 4 - 8 inches

These tropical plants generally have thick stems and fleshy, variegated leaves. Gardeners value this small, compact plant for its thick, waxy foliage, ornamental flowers and ease of care.

It has broad shiny oval leaves. Leaf size is largest on young plants. The leaves develop inside a reddish sheath at the tip of branches, which looks very attractive. The tree can yield a milky white latex, which has been used to make rubber.

Common name(s): Indian Rubber Bush, Ficus decora, India Rubber Tree, Rubber Plant

Flower colours: Inconspicuous

Bloom time: Rarely flowers indoors

Max reachable height: 20 to 40 m

Difficulty to grow: Easy to grow

Planting and care

Cut below the thinner parts, just above the thick part of the branches. Cut right above leaf nodes. Try to prune the over all size of the plant. Everywhere you prune, new branches will spring up. Think of it as giving your Rubber Tree a haircut. Always keep one set of leaves, at least, so it can continue to make food for itself and re-grow.

Sunlight: Needs bright light but prefers indirect light that isn't too hot.

Soil: Place in a light, well-drained compost.

Water: Susceptible to rot, so water only when completely dry.

Temperature: For ideal growing conditions, plants grown indoors need temperatures of 60 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit during the night and 85 degrees during the day.

Fertilizer: Implement a balanced liquid fertilizer on a monthly basis between spring and summer.

Caring for Ficus Elastica

- Extremely dry soil causes baby rubber plant to drop its leaves, while consistently wet soil may cause root or stem rot.
- Water only when the soil becomes dry, usually about once every 10 to 14 days for indoor plants and once every week for outdoor plants.
- As a general rule, baby rubber plant prefers to remain slightly pot-bound when grown indoors.
- The plant requires re-potting only once every three or four years.

Harvesting

NA

Typical uses of Ficus Elastica

Special features: Foliage

Culinary use: NA

Ornamental use: Used as an ornamental plant.

References

- <http://www.gardenguides.com/107793-baby-rubber-plant-care.html>
- <http://www.plantsrescue.com/tag/baby-rubber-plant/>
- <http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Rubber%20Tree.html>

Reviews

Saturday, 30 June 2018

Plant is in very good condition.....Vase is good Packaging is ok..... Jelly balls were broken....

Hima Jyothi

Friday, 29 June 2018

Can this grown in hot places.

Suratika Gautam

Thursday, 21 June 2018

Amazed to see this plant.

Nitin Mulik

Monday, 18 June 2018

Perfectly OK for indoor use with artificial lighting.

Nandini Kalra

Sunday, 03 June 2018

I m really happy to say that your packing is good ,on time delivery all plants are good .

Vishnu Namboodiri

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