

Boston Fern Care Tips

Nephrolepis exaltata



Origin: Central America

Height: Fronds are generally 1-3 ft (30-90 cm) long.

Light: Moderate to bright light. No direct sun. Give the plant a quarter turn every week or so to expose all sides to light.

Water: Keep soil constantly moist, but not soggy. Watch large ferns and hanging basket ferns because they can dry out quickly.

Humidity: High humidity. Use a room humidifier for best results. Misting with room-temperature water helps, if you can mist a few times a day.

Temperature: Normal room temperatures 60-75°F/16-24°C

Soil: Peat moss-based potting mix, such as African violet potting mix. Or half-half mixture of peat moss and all-purpose potting mix.

Fertilizer: Feed every 2 weeks year-round with a balanced liquid fertilizer diluted by half.

Propagation: Division. You can cut away new plants that grow outside the main root ball and pot them separately.