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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



Button Fern

(*Pellaea rotundifolia*)

Button Fern, scientifically known as *Pellaea rotundifolia*, is a charming fern species recognized by its delicate, round, bright green leaflets. Its foliage resembles small, circular buttons, giving it a unique and appealing appearance. This compact fern is a popular choice for indoor gardening.



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Origin: New Zealand

Care Level & Placement: Moderate, Indoor plant, suitable for bright, indirect light conditions.



Light

Button Fern thrives in bright, indirect light. Place it near a north or east-facing window where it can receive filtered sunlight. Avoid direct sunlight, which can scorch its delicate foliage.



Water

Keep the soil consistently moist but not soggy. Water when the top inch of the soil feels dry. Mist the plant regularly to maintain humidity, especially in drier indoor environments.



Soil

Plant Button Fern in well-draining potting mix with good aeration. A mix of peat moss, perlite, and regular potting soil works well.



Fun fact

Button Fern is a member of the fern family and is prized for its unique appearance, featuring small, round leaflets that give it its distinctive common name.



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Pet Friendliness

Button Fern is generally non-toxic to pets, making it a safe choice for households with cats or dogs.



Stress Signs

Yellowing or Browning Fronds: If the fern's fronds start turning yellow or brown, it may indicate overwatering, underwatering, or poor drainage. Adjust your watering habits and ensure the pot has proper drainage.

Leaf Drop: Button Fern may drop leaves if it's exposed to drafts, dry air, or abrupt temperature changes. To prevent leaf drop, maintain a stable indoor environment with consistent humidity levels.

Wilting or Curling Fronds: When Button Fern is stressed, its fronds may wilt or curl. This can happen due to inadequate light or insufficient humidity. Adjust the plant's placement to provide more suitable conditions.



Botanical Family: Pteridaceae

Botanical Name: *Pellaea rotundifolia*

Common Name: Button Fern, Round-Leaf Fern



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