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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



Monstera Adansonii

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Monstera Adansonii, also known as Swiss Cheese Vine, is a vining plant with unique, fenestrated leaves that resemble Swiss cheese. It features heart-shaped leaves with multiple oval or oblong holes, giving it a distinctive and striking appearance.



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Origin: Central and South America

Care Level & Placement: Easy care, Indoor plant



Light

Swiss Cheese Vine prefers bright, indirect light. It can tolerate some low light conditions but thrives in medium to bright, filtered light. Avoid exposing it to direct sunlight, as it can scorch the leaves. Place it near a north or east-facing window for ideal lighting conditions.

Water



Allow the top inch of soil to dry out between waterings, then water the plant thoroughly. Swiss Cheese Vine prefers slightly moist soil but is susceptible to root rot if overwatered. Adjust the watering frequency based on the environment and season, ensuring good drainage.



Soil

Use a well-draining potting mix with good moisture retention. A mix of peat moss, perlite, and orchid bark can provide the right balance of moisture and aeration for the plant's roots. Ensure the pot has drainage holes to prevent waterlogged soil.



Fun fact

The fenestrated leaves of Swiss Cheese Vine are believed to develop natural holes as an adaptation to allow light to pass through and reach the lower parts of the plant in its natural environment.



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Pet Friendliness

Swiss Cheese Vine is considered toxic to pets. Keep it out of reach of cats, dogs, and other animals that may be prone to chewing on plants. If ingested, it can cause oral irritation, drooling, and digestive discomfort. It's best to keep this plant away from curious pets.



Stress Signs

Browning or Yellowing Leaves: Browning or yellowing leaves can indicate overwatering or underwatering. Check the moisture level of the soil and adjust your watering accordingly. Ensure the plant is neither sitting in water nor drying out completely.

Leaf Curling: Curling or wilting leaves can be a sign of low humidity or inadequate watering. Swiss Cheese Vine prefers higher humidity levels, so misting the leaves or placing a humidifier nearby can help. Adjust the watering frequency to maintain consistent moisture levels in the soil.

Lack of New Growth: If your Swiss Cheese Vine stops producing new leaves or shows slow growth, it might be lacking nutrients. Consider fertilizing the plant with a balanced houseplant fertilizer during the growing season. Follow the package instructions for the recommended dosage and frequency.

Botanical Family: Araceae

Botanical Name: Monstera Adansonii

Common Name: Swiss Cheese Vine



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