



INDOOR PLANTS

Umbrella Plant

Schefflera sp.

Scheffleras make great indoor specimens due to their ability to tolerate low light conditions. Known as the umbrella plant due to their funky umbrella-like foliage, their shiny green leaves can make any indoor room feel tropical. Leaflets sprout from a central point along a woody stem.

They can fill large spaces with ease, reaching a height of around 1.5m as a potted, indoor plant. Scheffleras are hardy plants that require little maintenance.

How to grow:

As an indoor plant, umbrella plants prefer well-lit areas but can tolerate lower light conditions. Positioning them near a window in the cooler months will help them to get enough light to keep them happy. They are tropical plants, so they require a warm area of the house away from cold draughts and will benefit from having their foliage sprayed with water occasionally for humidity. If you're growing your plant outside, choose a sheltered area with protection from the hot sun.

Make sure the bottom of the pot is not sitting in water as this will cause the roots to rot. Only water when most of the potting mix becomes dry. During winter, reduce watering to a minimum.

When potting your umbrella plant, use a potting mix with good drainage and only pot up to the next size.

Liquid feed during the warmer months to promote lush growth.

To promote bushier growth and keep your plant's size in check, prune the growing tips.

Give the leaves a wipe down with a damp cloth every now and then to keep them looking new and glossy or use a leaf shine product to really make them sparkle! Rotate the pot every month or so to maintain symmetrical growth.