



INDOOR PLANTS

Zanzibar Gem

Zamioculcas zamiifolia

Zanzibar gems are one of the hardiest indoor plants. They require very little watering and can survive in low light areas. Their thick, dark green leaves sprout from fleshy stems out of the soil. They are very slow growing, but eventually reach just under a metre in height and can be tied to stand up or left to fan out. They make great feature plants for any setting.

How to grow:

Native to tropical regions of eastern Africa, they prefer a warm spot and will benefit from gentle misting in the warm weather. To encourage faster growth, position your plant in a well-lit area. They will continue to grow in low light areas but very slowly.

Zanzibar gems require very little water. Only water when the soil is completely dry in the pot and avoid watering in winter all together. As they prefer to be well drained, make sure the pot is not sitting in water at any stage as this will cause them to rot.

When repotting, use a potting mix with good drainage. Adding perlite or sand to your potting mix will help with drainage. They can stay in their pots for a long time, so you only need to repot them when the thick roots are starting to fill the pot.