

Lucky Bamboo

All it needs is water on its roots. Give it plenty of water and no direct sunlight. Lucky Bamboo brings you and your family good luck.

These plants are great in offices, on desks, in businesses, and in homes pretty much everywhere. An important part of feng shui, lucky bamboo plants are said to bring good luck and fortune, especially if the plants were given as gifts. It also helps that they have a well-earned reputation as nearly indestructible. These tough stalks can survive in vases of pure water or in soil, and in a wide variety of light conditions. Even a poorly kept lucky bamboo plant will live for a long time before it finally succumbs.

The vast majority of lucky bamboo plants are shipped in from Taiwan or China, where professional growers braid and twist and curl their stalks into a multitude of shapes. The more intricate lucky bamboo plants can cost hundreds of dollars and feature twenty or more individual stalks.

Technically, lucky bamboo is not bamboo at all, but a species called *Dracaena sanderiana*. Although most are grown hydroponically (in water), lucky bamboo can be potted up in soil.