Spider plant

An easy-going fountain of leaves.



Chlorophytum comosum

FIND ITS LIGHT

Bright, indirect light. Protect the fine leaves from hot afternoon sun.

BEFORE YOU WATER

Water when the upper few centimetres dry. Avoid leaving it bone dry for long periods during active growth.

POT & ROOTS

Use a free-draining indoor mix. Repot when crowded roots make watering difficult; choose only a slightly larger pot.

A LITTLE UPKEEP

Feed modestly during active growth. If tips brown, review water quality, fertiliser build-up and uneven watering.

GOOD TO KNOW

Root a plantlet in a small pot while it remains attached; separate once it has established roots.

Read the signs

Brown tips have several causes. Check the mix and routine before changing everything at once. Old damaged tips will not turn green again.

ASPCA lists spider plant as non-toxic to cats and dogs. Keep it from being chewed; eating plant material may still upset a pet’s stomach.

Care reference: https://www.rhs.org.uk/plants/spider-plants/growing-guide