Rubber plant

Bold leaves. A bright, settled spot.



Ficus elastica

FIND ITS LIGHT

Bright, filtered light. Introduce stronger light gradually, especially for plants previously kept in shade.

BEFORE YOU WATER

Allow the top few centimetres to dry. Check below the surface and water thoroughly when needed.

POT & ROOTS

Use a free-draining indoor mix and a pot with drainage. Keep it away from cold draughts and air-conditioning outlets.

A LITTLE UPKEEP

Wipe broad leaves gently. Feed during active growth at the labelled rate. Wear gloves when pruning: milky sap can irritate skin.

GOOD TO KNOW

Choose its position carefully and allow time to settle after a move. Sudden changes can cause leaf drop.

Read the signs

Dropping leaves can follow a move, cold exposure or watering stress. Check recent changes and soil moisture first.

Keep out of reach of pets and children. Do not ingest. Prevent contact with sap; wash hands after handling.

Care reference: https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/rubber-plant/