

Supplies Needed:

- Air Plants
- Rocks or Sand
- Containers

Instructions:

Epiphytes (pronounced ep-uh-fight) are a group of plants known as air plants. Tillandsias is the scientific genus of this special group of plants. Air plants grow upon other plants or objects for physical support. While they have roots, they do not use those roots to get nutrients from the soil.

They need water and light to live, but they have a less traditional way means of obtaining these things. You need very little space to grow air plants. They can be a lot of fun to grow, particularly because you can be creative with their placement and containers.

After choosing your container, you'll want to select your substrate. Most people use rocks or sand. Then, they simply place the air plant(s) into the container. You can also include sticks, twigs, rocks, etc. as part of your display.

Air plants require very little care. However, they do need water. You can choose to mist your air plants with a water bottle weekly. Usually, 2-3 squirts of water will suffice. You can also remove your air plant from its container and soak it in water for 30 minutes weekly. Make sure it dries out completely before returning it to its container.



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