

How to Propagate Houseplants

For houseplants like philodendrons, which grow long branches:

1. Using sharp scissors, cut a long strand from the plant.
2. Look at each leaf to find nodes (brown bumps) and remove all excess stem between leaves. To do this, make a cut on each side of the node.
3. Gather a bunch of leaves and put in a container. Pour enough water into the container to cover nodes by ½ inch.
4. Place plant in indirect sunlight and watch as the roots grow. Add more water to the container as it evaporates, maintaining ½ inch above the nodes.

For houseplants like Chinese Money Plant, which sprout babies:

1. Gently remove new growths from the mother plant by digging out the roots.
2. Fill a new container with slightly damp soil and create a well in the center of the dirt that is just deep enough to fit the roots.
3. Place the new growth in the center of the well, gently push dirt toward the stem, and gently press down to stabilize the plant.
4. Place your new propagation in indirect sunlight and maintain damp soil.

For succulents:

1. If the cutting already has roots, remove the excess stem below the roots using sharp scissors.
2. If the cutting doesn't have roots yet, place it on top of dry soil until roots emerge. Then proceed to step 3.
3. Fill a container with cactus and succulent potting soil if you have it (or potting soil mixed with lots of perlite if you don't), create a well that's deep enough to cover the roots, place your succulent in the center and push the dirt toward the stem.