

PLACEMENT CHART

Where Each Plant Is Happy

Window direction and distance are the two biggest levers you have. Sill means within a foot; near means 1 to 3 ft; mid 3 to 6 ft; far is more than 6 ft or around a corner.

PLANT	SOUTH SILL	SOUTH NEAR/MID	EAST SILL	WEST SILL	E/W MID	NORTH SILL	FAR FROM ANY WINDOW	TOO LITTLE LOOKS LIKE	TOO MUCH LOOKS LIKE
Monstera	Scorch risk	Ideal	Ideal	Good	Good	OK	Struggles	Small leaves, no splits, long gaps	Yellow patches, crisp brown edges
Pothos	OK	Ideal	Ideal	Good	Good	Good	Slow	Loses variegation, sparse vines	Pale, washed-out leaves
Snake plant	Good	Ideal	Ideal	Good	Good	OK	Survives	Floppy, thin new leaves	Rare; bleached patches
Fiddle leaf fig	Good	Ideal	Ideal	Good	OK	Drops leaves	Struggles	Leaf drop, leaning, tiny new leaves	Bleached spots on sun-facing leaves
Philodendron	Scorch risk	Good	Ideal	Good	Ideal	Good	Slow	Leggy, small leaves	Yellowing, crisp edges
Spider plant	OK	Ideal	Ideal	Good	Good	Good	Slow	Pale stripes, no babies	Brown scorched stripes
ZZ plant	OK	Good	Ideal	Good	Ideal	Good	Good	Very slow; leaning stems	Yellow, curling leaflets
Peace lily	Scorch	Good	Ideal	OK	Ideal	Good	No blooms	No flowers, dark floppy leaves	Brown blotches, curled leaves
Moth orchid	Scorch	Good	Ideal	OK	Good	OK	No blooms	Dark green leaves, no spikes	Reddish or bleached leaves
Succulents & aloe	Ideal	Good	Good	Good	Stretches	Stretches	No	Tall, spaced, pale growth	Red or brown sunburn patches

Why? Light falls off fast with distance: a plant 6 ft from a window can receive a tenth of the light on the sill. Most 'low light' plants are really 'slow to complain' plants.