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THE CAREFREE GARDENER'S GUIDE

Low-maintenance plants for a life in bloom

Craving the beauty of nature without the burden of constant care? Low-maintenance plants offer the perfect solution. These dauntless greens thrive with less attention, making them the best for those with busy lifestyles, or who simply prefer a more relaxed approach to gardening. From hardy succulents to vibrant foliage, discover a world of low-maintenance plants that will bring a touch of nature to your space without demanding too much of your time.

Pothos

This herb is one of the easiest houseplants to grow and tend to. It only requires very little light indoors with no direct sun, ideal for your room if it can't avail too much natural light. Tolerant to almost any indoor condition, the plant can take its place in any container, be it a hanging basket or a pot. If needed, it can be placed outdoors during warm weather.

This plant can grow in both soil and water. If grown in soil, make sure the container has a drainage hole and also that you water it once a week to let the beautiful vine grow. The mature plant extends as far as 12 feet. The plant can beautify your home at a price between Tk 150 and Tk 200.

Aloe Vera

Aloe vera is mostly known as the skin-healing sap. The spiky-looking succulent holds more merit than just being used for cosmetic use. The aloe leaves remove formaldehyde from the air you breathe, on top of bringing a tinge of western vibes to your space. The plant requires six hours of direct sunlight a day to fortify itself.

The container for aloe vera must be chosen carefully, so opt for wooden or plastic



ones and avoid metal pots. The plant must be watered only when it is dried completely. It is priced affordably, between Tk 60 and Tk 200.

Fairy Castle Cactus

This endearing species, shaped like a towering castle, are for those plant parents who forget that they are one. All they need is a sunny window to enjoy the light and retain their green hue and water every few weeks.

The cactus is a prickly being, so while you handle the watering, try using gloves or tongs to hold onto them carefully. This small plant only costs between Tk 180 and Tk 230.

Spider Plant

The name is quite self-explanatory — it actually looks like a spider! Spider plant is a very popular houseplant since it's nearly impossible to kill, even if you forget to

nurture it at regular intervals. The mature

two-foot-long herb appears grass-like, with long arching leaves and trailing baby plants. It's best that you put it in a hanging planter, but it would look good anywhere, regardless of its position.

Though it can handle ranges of sunlight, from partial sun to shade and periods of drought, you should keep the soil lightly moist. Overwatering is a common pitfall, so let the soil dry out before watering again. The plant can be had for around Tk 100 to Tk 450.

ZZ Plant

Also known as Zanzibar Gem or Eternity Plant, this popular houseplant is sure to bring a touch of perennial tropics into your space. The herb boasts shiny, oval-shaped, deep green or purple leaves that need cleaning from time to time. Its sun exposure ranges from low to bright indirect light to ensure optimum growth, even thriving in complete shade.

It is drought-tolerant, so underwatering is better than overwatering. You should water it every few weeks to ensure it lives. The plant's full height stands at two to four feet, so pots between four to 14 inches in diameter should do, depending on its size. The sap can be yours for Tk 220 to Tk 550.

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