

The carefree gardener's guide: Low-maintenance plants for a life in bloom

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Peace Lily

If your home has no way of getting natural light, Peace Lily might be the plant baby you were looking for. This perennial is a lily by name, not by its appearance. It may live in artificial light, but when natural light is available, it comes in full bloom. One amazing fact of the herb is that it filters toxins from the air, wherever it's placed.

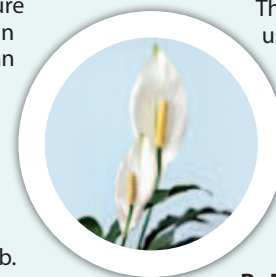
Peace Lily loves moderately moist soil, so you have to water it every one week and spritz it often. They don't grow fast, reaching a mature height of one to four feet in three years. This beauty can be yours for anywhere between Tk 100 and Tk 300.

Philodendron Rio

This tropical evergreen is a perfect collector's item for ones with a black thumb. The seemingly bushy-palm foliage is a sight for sore eyes with streaks of red, yellow, pink, and green in it. The variegation patterns of Rio are

dependent on the presence of light, so it needs bright indirect light if you want to see the colours remain in its leaves.

The plant isn't a heavy water user, so you must water them when the soil is dry, by one or two inches from the top. The mature plant extends to a height of up to eight feet. The price of the plant ranges between Tk 130 and Tk 350.



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Disclaimer: The price range is inclusive of size/variation, and exclusive of complementary items.



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ARIES (MAR. 21-APR. 20)

You may have difficulties while traveling. Don't make large purchases unless discussed with your partner. Any difficulties with peers could be unnerving. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



TAURUS (APR. 21-MAY 21)

Your compassion will be appreciated. Don't lead someone on if you have no interest. Difficulties with appliances may arise. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN. 21)

Rely on yourself. Emotions may get the better of you. Your partner may not accommodate you. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



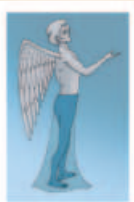
CANCER (JUN. 22-JUL. 22)

Be careful disclosing information. Romantic opportunities are evident. Your emotions are soaring; if you don't get your way, look out. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



LEO (JUL. 23-AUG. 22)

Social activity should be on your agenda. Channel your energy wisely. Avoid arguments with relatives. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



VRGO (AUG. 23-SEP. 23)

You could make extra cash through creative hobbies. Travel could be more exciting than imagined. Your home environment can get hostile. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



LIBRA (SEP. 24-OCT. 23)

Make changes at home. Take time to decide what you want. Look into ways to better yourself. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 21)

New relationships could arise in social events. Don't count your chickens before they hatch. You might need to travel for work. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Inviting friends over is a good idea. Avoid complicated situations. Get together with those you find mentally stimulating. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 20)

Visitors dropping by unexpectedly can ease tension with your partner. Be patient this week. Make plans with family this week. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



AQUARIUS (JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

You will have to deal with any financial issues yourself. Look into a healthier diet. Avoid drastic decisions. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)

Take the family out somewhere. You can meet new romantic opportunities at social events. Loved ones may be difficult to reason with. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



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