



HELLO, MY NAME IS

# Fiddle Leaf Fig

FICUS LYRATA

## Get to know me

I'm an evergreen tree with beautiful, big, glossy green, undulate fiddle shaped leaves.

Originally I'm from the tropical regions of Central and West Africa, my relatives that still reside there grow in lowland rainforest. They might grow to 30m tall but if you grow me indoors in a pot I'll happily grow to 2 – 3m.

When I mature I might produce long green figs. Although it's unlikely your pets will eat me I may be mildly toxic to your fluffy friends.

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## What I like

### POSITION



Outside I like a partially shaded position but I will handle full sun when I grow up, indoors I like a spot with bright but indirect light.

### TEMPERATURE



I love the climate of most houses but to be a bit more technical I like warm temperate to tropical growing conditions.

### WATER



I need a moderate amount of water but please let at least the top 2 -3cm of soil in my pot to dry out in between waters. You can water me more in the warmer months but never allow me to sit in water. Its better to underwater me rather than overwater.

### FERTILIZER



Use a slow release fertilizer in Spring and if you really want to treat me, a water soluble nitrogen fertilizer applied monthly from Spring to late Summer will help me put on heaps of leafy growth.

### RE-POTTING



I grow quite quickly so repotting every couple of years would be appreciated. I'm pretty hardy but its best to repot me in spring using a good quality, free draining potting mix. Never buy the cheap potting mix; a good quality mix is always better.

## What I don't like

### FROST & OVERWATERING



Some of my Mediterranean buddies might handle a bit of frost but as a rainforest fig I don't. Also I can be susceptible to root rot so please don't overwater me.



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