Pellaea rotundifolia

BUTTON FERN

REGION OF ORIGIN

Australia and New Zealand



The Button Fern thrives in bright, indirect light. It can tolerate partial shade, though its growth may slow. Avoid direct sunlight, as it can scorch the leaves and harm the plant.



For tropical plants, we recommend using our Rooted Goods All-Purpose Potting Mix, Uncle Mike's Organic Potting Mix, or Espoma's Organic Potting Mix. All three options are great choices for ensuring healthy growth and thriving plants.



WATER

Button Ferns prefer soil that is kept evenly moist, but not soggy. Water when the top 1-2 inches of soil feel dry to the touch. Use filtered or distilled water if possible, as the plant can be sensitive to chemicals in tap water. Ensure the pot has proper drainage, and always empty the saucer after watering to prevent root rot.



FERTILIZER

We recommend fertilizers like Espoma Organic Indoor! Houseplant Food, Jack's Houseplant Special, or Organic Plant Magic. These options provide essential nutrients to keep your plants vibrant and thriving.



TEMPERATURE

Button Ferns prefer temperatures between 60-75°F (16-24°C). Avoid exposing it to temperatures below 50°F (10°C), as it is sensitive to cold. Keep it away from drafts, air conditioners, or heaters, as sudden temperature changes can stress the plant.



ISSUES + FIXES

Yellowing leaves are often caused by overwatering or poor drainage, while browning or crispy leaves may result from low humidity, underwatering, or too much direct sunlight. Although the Button Fern isn't highly prone to pests, it's always a good idea to monitor for signs of infestation and treat promptly if any are spotted.



PRUNING & PROPAGATION

Gently separate natural clumps with their own roots and fronds, using your hands or a clean knife to divide them. Ensure each section has healthy roots attached. Repot the divisions into individual pots and water lightly to settle the soil. With proper care, the divisions will establish and thrive.



PET FRIENDLY?

Yes, the Button Fern is considered pet-friendly and nontoxic to cats and dogs, making it a safe choice for homes with furry friends.



