

Don't let the delicate appearance of ferns discourage you from growing them. They are deceptively sturdy and have only a few needs.

Give your ferns bright, indirect light but no exposure to direct sunlight. A sheer curtain pulled across a sunny window usually offers adequate protection.

Use potting soil that is high in organic material (two parts peat moss or leaf mold to one part each sterilized garden loam and perlite or vermiculite).

Ferns like a moist soil but should never be waterlogged. Put an inch of pebbles or other drainage material in the bottom of the pot. Never allow your fern to stand in water. Misting fronds daily will be appreciated.