

Living Lace™ Autumn Fern

Dryopteris erythrosora 'Living Lace'



Living Lace Autumn Fern in full
Photo courtesy of Proven Winners

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Japanese Red Shield Fern

Group/Class: Leafjoy Houseplants

Description:

Gorgeous, dramatic foliage color on spreading plants; young papery fronds emerge copper in color and develop into a rich green, vase shaped clump when mature; evergreen in frost-free climates; an excellent indoor accent in low to medium light areas

Features & Attributes

Living Lace Autumn Fern is primarily valued in the home for its interesting and distinctive form. Its attractive glossy ferny compound leaves emerge coppery-bronze, turning forest green in color throughout the year.

This is a dense herbaceous evergreen houseplant with an indistinguished habit of growth. Its extremely fine and delicate texture is quite ornamental and should be used to full effect. This plant may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Living Lace Autumn Fern can be expected to grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant performs well in both bright or indirect sunlight and strong artificial light, and can therefore be situated in almost any well-lit room or location. It prefers to grow in average to moist soil. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It will benefit from a regular feeding with a general-purpose fertilizer with every second or third watering. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant. Be warned that parts of this plant are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so special care should be exercised if growing it around children and pets.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.