

Fern Planting Guide

Maidenhair Fern

To plant a maidenhair fern, choose a location with bright, indirect light and consistent soil moisture, avoiding both overwatering and allowing the soil to dry out completely. Dig a hole twice as wide and deep as the root ball, gently loosen the roots, and backfill firmly. Mulching can help retain moisture and suppress weeds.

Christmas Fern

To plant a Christmas fern, choose a location with partial to full shade and well-draining, moist soil. Dig a hole twice as wide and as deep as the fern's root ball, place the fern in the hole, ensuring the root crown is slightly above ground level, and backfill with soil. Mulch around the plant to retain moisture and keep the soil cool.

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The Christmas fern is one of the most easily recognizable ferns due to its hardiness and wide use in hanging potted displays. This evergreen, low-growing fern prefers filtered sun and moist but well-drained soils often seen on the sides of mountains and ridges and well-drained floodplain areas in winter as one of the few foliage-retaining ground covers.



Christmas Fern (*Polystichum acrostich-*

Maidenhair Fern

Maidenhair fern has a unique spiral frond stem with leaflets growing off one side like several mini fronds of their own. This shape causes the fronds to sway in the wind like long hair. Growing in similar moist but well-drained soils and filtered sun, this species will slowly form a nice dense patch.



Maidenhair fern (*Adiantum pedatum*)

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