

Lucky Bamboo is a tropical plant (botanic name: *Dracaena*) originating in Southeast Asia. It is known for symbolizing *Health, Love, Luck* and *Good Fortune* and is frequently used in the art of Feng Shui. Stalks of bamboo typically have naked branches ending in tufts of sword-shaped leaves. These shoots are traditionally grouped together in odd numbers. Different numbers of stalks represent different aspirations.

Getting Started

1. Unwrap your bamboo stalks being careful not to disturb the roots.
2. Place a small amount of decorative rock in the bottom of the container.
3. Center the bamboo bundle in the container and then add decorative rock around the sides until the container is full.
4. Fill the container with water.

Proper Care

Lucky Bamboo makes a great gift for the home or office because it grows in low light conditions and does not require any soil or fertilizer. You should keep your bamboo out of direct sunlight. Use only distilled or purified water for your lucky bamboo. This type of water reduces the chance of bacteria which can lead to a sour smell.

Lucky Bamboo stalks will not grow taller once they are cut. Over time, the leaves coming off the stalk will gradually develop into stalks themselves. Once a leaf has developed into a stalk, it can be clipped at its base and placed in water to start more bamboo. The “parent” stalk will in turn produce more little lead sprouts. If the lucky bamboo starts turning yellow, remove the infected area.