Snake Plants Are The Greatest

Anytime a customer plans on gifting a plant, the qualifications almost always include something that requires next to zero attention. While succulents do fit that role to the letter, I often push people in the direction of a snake plant variety. It's weird to think about bang-for-buck value when talking about plants, but snake plants add a sort of softscape/natural feeling to a space without ever really having to think about it.



Pictured left is a Boncel Snake Plant I have on my desk currently. I can't tell you exactly the last time I remember watering it, and it maybe receives 2 hours of indirect sunlight a day. I have a special place in my heart for anything you can propagate as simply as a snake plant.

Snake Plant varieties originated in Africa where sand makes up the majority of the soil composition. This is what makes them evolved to withstand long periods without water, and also why they're so easy to kill without a drainage hole in their pot. I suggest using a very small amount of water, and only doing so when the soil is completely dry a few inches beneath the surface

The sandy condition of its origin is what also lead to a plant with such large leaves having relatively shallow roots. This allows for smaller pot sizes when working with Snake Plants specifically. There are such a wide variety of Snake Plants out their nowadays but the sparse maintenance routine is universally applicable.



Pictured right is a more traditional variety with variegated leaves. Moss was used as a soil topper, but I usually prefer to keep the soil bare. It's easier to check for moisture and root system health.

Snake Plants have been popular since their introduction to western markets but are gaining popularity more recently as well. It fits a modern home aesthetic seamlessly. You can't go wrong with a Snake Plant, and you can't go wrong putting one in a plain white pot. Easy as can be.

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