



The Houseplant Weekly Official Checklist for Propagating Ferns

1. Select a healthy, mature fern with plenty of fronds.
2. Prepare a suitable pot or container with a well-draining potting mix. The potting mix should be moist but not waterlogged.
3. Choose a frond from the fern that has a strong stem and healthy leaves.
4. Using a sharp and sterilized pair of scissors or pruning shears, cut the frond off the fern near the base of the stem. Be careful not to damage the rest of the fern.
5. Remove the lower leaves from the stem, leaving only a few leaves at the top.
6. If the stem is long enough, you can divide it into multiple sections, each with a few leaves attached.

7. Make a small hole in the potting mix with your finger or a pencil, and gently place the stem or section of the stem in the hole.
8. Press the potting mix around the stem to hold it in place.
9. Water the potting mix until it's evenly moist but not waterlogged.
10. Cover the pot with a plastic bag or clear plastic wrap to create a humid environment.
11. Place the pot in a warm, bright spot, but avoid direct sunlight.
12. Check the potting mix regularly to ensure it remains evenly moist, but not waterlogged. You may need to mist the plant occasionally to maintain humidity.
13. After a few weeks, new growth should appear from the base of the stem or the section of the stem. Once the new growth is established, you can remove the plastic cover.
14. Once the new ferns have grown several inches and developed a few fronds, they can be transplanted to their own pots or planted directly in the garden.

