Dracaena sanderiana, Lucky Bamboo Plant, is not really a bamboo but is made up of the cut stalks of a Dracaena Sanderiana plant. It is native to West Africa and Eastern Asia. These Lucky Bamboo Plant stalks are usually between 4” - 24” in height.

Followers of Feng Shui believe that Lucky Bamboo Plants bring prosperity and good fortune to a home or business. If you buy the Lucky Bamboo Plant stalks loose and not planted, be sure to keep them in water until you have permanently placed them in a vase or decorative container. If you purchase multiple Lucky Bamboo Plant stems that are tied together, do not remove the ties, this stabilizes the plant. Lucky Bamboo Plants require very little care and grows practically anywhere as long as you keep the water clean and chemical free.

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<td>Produces flowers that only appear at night. The blooms are made up of many small flowers and have a slight scent.</td>
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<td>Temperature</td>
<td>Lucky Bamboo Plants do best in warm temperatures between 70-85 degrees.</td>
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<td>A Lucky Bamboo Plant survives but does better in medium indirect light. Pale leaves indicate a Lucky Bamboo Plant is not getting enough light. Avoid placing a Lucky Bamboo Plant in the direct sun.</td>
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<td>Watering</td>
<td>The most common mistakes are usually connected to the water. Keep the marbles and pebbles in your Lucky Bamboo Plant vase covered with water at all times, adding water weekly to keep the proper level. Once a month remove the Lucky Bamboo Plant from the water, rinse the roots, pebbles, and marbles with fresh distilled or bottled water, and then put the arrangement back together. Avoid using water high in fluoride or chlorine. Chlorinated water will kill them over time, and water that is dirty or infected with bacteria can be deadly. If a plant develops black roots, these should be cut away. Similarly, dead leaves should never be allowed to rot in the water as they might introduce bacteria. If algae grows in the water, it's usually because the plant is potted in a clear vase, allowing light to penetrate and encouraging algae growth. Just clean it out and start again, switching to an opaque container if algae is a persistent problem.</td>
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<td>Lucky Bamboo Plants can be planted in a loose quick-draining soil as well as kept in a vase of water. If using soil always allow the top few inches to dry out before watering.</td>
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<td>Fertilizer</td>
<td>Fertilize a Lucky Bamboo Plant monthly in the spring and summer with an African Violet plant food at 1/2 the recommended strength. Plants need fertilizer only when they are actively growing. Slow growing plants in low light require very little plant food. Too much fertilizer is worse than not enough. Most plants prefer a water soluble plant food at 1/2 the recommended strength. Plants that are in bloom or dormant should not be fertilized. Fertilizers have a high salt content. If a plant is not producing new leaves and doesn’t absorb the fertilizer, salts build up in the soil. These salts can burn the roots, discolor the leaves, and cause new growth to be small.</td>
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| Repotting        | A lucky bamboo arrangement in a low dish or bowl should have at least one inch of space between the stalks and the edge of the vessel. This space allows the roots to spread out and support the plant. If your stalks are growing in a large glass vase, be sure
The vessel is proportionate to the bamboo's height and can support the stalks. The water level should be just enough to fully submerge the roots but not rise above to the stalks. If your plant has outgrown the vessel, transplanting lucky bamboo is relatively easy. Start with a clean container that is slightly bigger than the current one. If your bamboo is growing in a pot of water, simply remove the stalks from the water, place them in a larger container and refill the water to the same level. If the lucky bamboo is growing in a pot of pebbles, gently dig up a planted lucky bamboo. Clean the pebbles with water before placing them in the new container. Carefully add the bamboo plant and take care to nestle the roots within the pebbles. You may need to add more pebbles to cover the roots and support the plant.

**Humidity**

Basic household humidity is fine for a Lucky Bamboo Plant.

**Propagation**

Propagate by cane cuttings

**Pruning**

Remove off-shoots to preserve the intricate shape of a Lucky Bamboo Plant. New growth on a Lucky Bamboo Plant develops from these cut areas. You can limit new growth by covering the cut with paraffin. Remove dead or yellow leaves regularly.

**Potential Problems**

Susceptible to the same insect problems as other indoor tropical plants. They can be treated manually (picking off bugs) or by the same methods you'd use on any other indoor plant. Prone to fungal infections that turn the stalks yellow and cause the stalks to die. Brown leaves usually indicate dry air or polluted water. Raise the humidity level by spraying the plant regularly and make sure you're using the appropriate water. If the stalks themselves begin to rot or turn mushy, they are likely beyond saving. Worse yet, decaying stalks threaten any other stalks they are close to. Remove them at once. If you really want to save it, cut away the yellow parts and try to root the trimmed stalk in new water.

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According to Chinese traditions, the significance of lucky bamboo is tied to how many stalks you have. There are different meanings associated with various lucky bamboo arrangements.

For example:
Two stalks represent love.
Three stalks represent Fu (happiness), Lu (wealth), and Soh (long life).
Five stalks represent the areas of life that impact wealth.
Six stalks represent good luck and wealth.
Seven stalks represent good health.
Eight stalks represent growth.
Nine stalks represent great luck.
Ten stalks represent perfection.
Twenty-one stalks represent a powerful blessing.
Four stalks are never allowed in a Lucky Bamboo Plant since the word four in Chinese sounds too close to the Chinese word for death.