

Button Fern*Pellaea rotundifolia*

A small, low-growing fern, Button Fern is easy to grow and provides a unique look with its small, rounded leaflets.

Basics: Button Fern grows best in bright indirect light. This fern does not need as much humidity as other ferns making it an ideal indoor plant. Partially dry soil and cool to average home temperatures are preferred. A location that is well-protected from drafts is best.

Special Care: This fern grows best in a basic fern potting media, one high in organic matter. Plant it in a somewhat shallow pot, like an azalea pot. Do not keep the growing media constantly moist. Allow it to dry a little between waterings. Button Fern grows quickly and should be fertilized with an all purpose house plant fertilizer every 4-6 weeks during the spring and summer at $\frac{1}{4}$ the recommended concentration. Cutting off old fronds at the base will help encourage new fronds to grow.

Potential Pest Problems: scale insects and spider mites.

Propagation: Button Fern can be propagated by division.

Reference:

Helmer, Jane Coleman. *Pictorial Guide to House Plants*. Ed. Karla S. Decker Hodge. Kalamazoo, Michigan: Merchants Company, 1993. 86-87.

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