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# YOUR ASTROLOGICAL GREEN THUMB

**E**verything on Earth, both living and inanimate, comes under the influence of Astrology. If farmers used Astrology to help them sow, cultivate and harvest their crops, they would be able to organize agriculturally to withstand storms, to guard against drought, and to prevent the financial ruin that comes from poor planning.

Even if you've killed every plant you've ever had, you can use Astrology to grow houseplants successfully. The trick is to discover which plants match your personality because they're ruled by your Sun sign. Then roll up your sleeves and dig in!

## ARIES

**Geranium:** Like the Ram, Geraniums are bright and cheerful. There are hundreds of types, and most require little care, making them perfect for independent Arians. In fact, too much attention is harmful. Some are grown more for their deliciously scented leaves than for their flowers. They need standard indoor potting soil, as much direct sunlight as possible, and a dry atmosphere. Let the soil dry out slightly between waterings, and use a low-nitrogen fertilizer regularly. Remove dead leaves and flowers frequently.



## TAURUS

**African Violets:** These Taurean favorites come in lots of colors: white, pink, red/coral, blue/purple and orchid/lavender, with numerous hybrid varieties. They need abundant filtered light all year, so choose a spot that offers diffused light. They prefer high humidity and need commercial potting soil formulated for violets. Keep the soil moist, not soggy, a condition that complements the Taurean all-things-in-moderation philosophy. Avoid misting the leaves, and apply slightly acidic fertilizer to moist soil.



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## GEMINI

**Dracaena:** This group includes the Corn Plant, Dragon Tree, Gold Dust Plant and Gold Spot Dracaena. They are palmlike, can reach as high as the ceiling, and come in a large variety of types. They are easy to grow and prefer bright, indirect light, but they will tolerate low light, low humidity and infrequent watering, which suits Gemini's absentminded professor personality. Use standard potting soil, and keep it moist but not soggy. Fertilize regularly in spring and summer.



## CANCER

**Flowering Maple & Parlor Maple:** Their need for constant pinching, pruning and grooming appeals to Cancer's nurturing instincts. They like standard indoor potting soil, average humidity, and four hours of direct sunlight daily. Keep the soil moist in spring and summer, and use liquid fertilizer diluted to half strength. From autumn to winter, let the soil dry out between waterings. Remove yellow leaves as they appear. They can grow to six feet tall in two years.



## LEO

**Palms:** These dramatic plants bring royal elegance to any room. Palms in general are not fussy - perfect for Leo, who doesn't have time to be attentive. Use standard potting soil and keep it moist in spring and summer. Let the top inch of soil dry out between waterings in the winter. Palms do best in warm temperatures and appreciate frequent misting to raise the humidity level. They enjoy filtered light and need a complete fertilizer in the spring and summer.



## VIRGO

**Hoya:** Like Virgo, this is an old-fashioned favorite hanging plant. It has waxy thick leaves and star-shaped white flowers. The Hoya does well in strong, reflected light. Use standard indoor potting soil and let it dry out between waterings. It also needs above-average humidity and daily misting. Apply a complete fertilizer every two months, except in winter. Favorite Hoya include the Wax Plant and Hindu Rope Plant.



## LIBRA

**Zebra Basket Vine:** Libra rules any plant in the vine family, but the Zebra Basket Vine is a particular favorite, with its tubular red, green, yellow and orange flowers. Its primary blooming season is summer, but it can produce flowers all year. It does best in lightweight indoor potting soil and reflected rather than direct sunlight. Keep the soil moist in spring and summer, and mist frequently. Use acidic fertilizer and hang the vine in a humid room, like the kitchen or bathroom.



## SCORPIO

**Purple Orchid:** This Orchid produces the dramatic purple flowers Scorpio loves. Long valued for its mysterious sensuality – another Scorpio plus! – these Orchids are actually quite easy to grow. Plant it in osmund fiber (also known as fern root) or fir bark, which should be available at your local nursery. Give it plenty of sunlight. The soil should be moist, but let it dry out between waterings. Keep the Purple Orchid out of drafts, and use a mild 10-10-5 fertilizer.



## SAGITTARIUS

**Aloe:** The Archer rules these succulents that adapt well to the dryness and warmth of most homes. Aloes come in all sizes, from six inches tall to lofty trees. Some require low light; others do best in a sunny spot. The best known,



Aloe Vera, has leaves up to two feet long and a topping of yellow flowers. Its pulp contains medicinal properties used to treat burns, bites and dry skin. It's easy to grow, perfect for independent Sagittarius who doesn't have time to fuss. But it does need frequent watering.

## CAPRICORN

**Ivy:** Like the Goat, these hearty plants grow quickly. They prefer bright, reflected or filtered light, but not direct sunlight. Keep the soil moist in spring and summer, let it dry between watering in winter. All Ivies love humidity, so mist daily. Capricorn particularly likes Swedish Ivy, which looks best as a hanging plant. Cuttings root well in water or damp soil. Apply a complete fertilizer regularly. Use standard indoor potting soil and keep the soil moist, but not soggy.



## AQUARIUS

**Orchids:** The Purple Orchid may be ruled by Scorpio, but Aquarius rules most of the 25,000 or so other Orchid species. The Water Bearer's attraction to the unusual is reflected in the wide variety of Orchid types, whose flowers range from tiny and delicate blooms to large and showy. Their needs vary, too, so Aquarius will have to research the particular species' needs – but that shouldn't be a problem. Investigative work is a favorite Aquarian pastime.



## PISCES

**Prayer Plant:** This is the perfect plant for the spiritual Fish! When the Prayer Plant folds its large green leaves together at night, they resemble praying hands. This is its way to conserve moisture, something it needs in quantity. It likes filtered light (direct sunlight will scorch its leaves). Use standard indoor potting soil and keep it moist but not soggy, and apply fertilizer regularly. Rainwater or bottled water will produce the best results. ●

