

# Chinese Elm Bonsai Plant

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## Plant Overview

Chinese Elm Bonsai Tree is one of the most popular bonsai trees, especially among beginners. It is an ideal choice for those who are just starting out in bonsai, because Chinese Elm is strong, adaptable and very tolerant bonsai tree. Chinese Elm develops a fine ramification and it easily develops small leaves with fine ramification which makes it a very good looking Bonsai plant. Chinese Elm has beautiful, distinctive dark gray to reddish brown bark that turns fissure and corky when mature.

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## Bonsai - an art

Literally translated means Bonsai: tree in pot. Bon stands for plant and 'sai' can be translated as bowl or pot. Bonsai is grown in Asia and evokes the image of an old tree.

A bonsai tries to create a reduced image of an old tree or landscape in nature. Compare it to a painter or a sculptor, the one trying to paint an impression of catching a landscape, the other does this for example with a piece of wood, the whole is a living work of art.

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## Things to care

- Chinese Elms need a lot of light. Direct morning sunlight is great.
- Keep in mind that, during warm months, the direct afternoon sun through a standard household window can burn delicate leaves.
- Chinese Elms prefer their soil to be slightly moist and allowed to dry out a little between watering sessions.
- If you have a water mister, try misting your tree a couple times a week to help with humidity.
- Misting is beneficial to your tree's health but it is not a replacement for watering.
- Fertilize your Chinese Elm bonsai once every two weeks during the growing season.
- Younger Chinese Elms should be repotted every two years, older and large specimens can be repotted in longer intervals.
- While repotting use a proper drainage soil mixture.
- Pruning is necessary to maintain the right shape of your bonsai and also to encourage new growth.
- Allow shoots to extend to 3 or 4 nodes and then prune back to 1 or 2 leaves.
- If you let the Chinese Elm grow freely it will thicken rapidly.
- Keeping the leaves free from dust will allow proper circulation in your tree.

NOTE - As it is a live plant, therefore its health might deteriorate because of shipping. Hence you are advised to allow the plant to recover to its best of health within 1-2 weeks of the receipt. Here are few points which will help you to take care of your plant. Please feel free to contact us in case of any advise about the plant.

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Happy Gardening :)