

HOUSEPLANT REPOTTING TIPS & TRICKS



1. Remove the plant from its current planter or grow pot

Turn your plant sideways, hold it gently by the stems or leaves, and tap the bottom of its current vessel until the plant slides out. You might need to give it a bit of help with a couple of gentle tugs on the base of the stems.

2. Loosen the roots

Loosen the plant's roots gently with your hands. You can prune off any threadlike roots that are extra long, just make sure to leave the thicker roots at the base of the foliage. If your plant is root bound—the roots are growing in very tight circles around the base of the plant—unbind the roots as best you can and give them a trim.

3. Remove the old potting mix

Remove about one-third or more of the old potting mix surrounding the plant's roots. As it grew, your plant removed some or all of the nutrients in the current mix, so you'll want to give it fresh potting mix or soil.

4. Add new potting mix

Pour a layer of fresh potting soil into the empty planter and pack it down, removing any air pockets. If your planter doesn't have a drainage hole, layer the bottom with lava rocks or similar (rocks, gravel, etc.) before adding the potting mix. The goal is to create crevices for the extra water to pool into, away from your plant's roots.

5. Add your plant

Set your plant on top of the fresh layer of mix in the planter, making sure it's centered, then add more potting mix around the plant until it is secure. Be sure not to pack too much soil into the planter: you want the roots to have space to breathe.

6. Water and enjoy

Even out the potting soil on top and water well!