

# s Everyone Makes When Fake Plants



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vith artificial **plants** and flowers, we should do so with an open mind.

red effect when selecting an artificial plant rather than buying on a new look. Also, consider what's realistic given your space and 2. According to **Coveteur**, there is an art to choosing fake plants. First 3) at stores that specialize in creating hyper-realistic pieces, such as 4) Sill. Next, you want to stick to plants with waxy leaves since they 5) an plastic or cloth leaves. "You can also get away with some fig and 6) are thick and waxy," interior designer Celerie Kemble told the

tips in mind, it can be tricky to pick out faux plants for the house. To 7) nimum, here are some common mistakes everyone makes when 8) ind how to avoid them.

## 9) em to brighten up a naturally dark room



g urge to place a vibrant green or colorful plant in a dark corner to y room. But think about it. Would a natural plant flourish in a dark idea is to add faux greenery to your home, reflect on where a real st. As explained by **HGTV**, artificial plants are supposed to trick the unapologetically fake.

o find out which plants thrive in low light. In fact, why not go all-in and retailer for their recommendation? Additionally, pull out your interior ou know you have some — and get creative. There's no rule that you ighten up a room. Instead, choose a stylish lamp or hang a mirror or lect the light in the corner.

# oo many

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o visit someone with a cramped **living room**? Maybe a grandma or each wall is covered from floor to ceiling with photographs, art,

very surface covered with doilies, bowls of candy, candles, and get a bit overwhelming. If you share the tendency to over-decorate, space with fake plants and flowers can result in a stuffy, that's hard to relax in, as the folks at [Cort Furniture](#) corroborate.

ange creatures. Once we've decluttered and added quality fake for a pleasant [feng shui](#) atmosphere — the compulsion to add more us fast. If this happens to you, you and your guests will soon be m jungle, wanting to escape just like you did from your grandma's

## orners

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to save money! Most of us do. Unfortunately, it doesn't help you out  
y poorly made home decor of any kind. If you buy cheap artificial  
:ap-looking plants. With silk flowers, for example, look for quality

colors. Does the rose arrangement you're considering have race-car  
r pink blush, supple, and velvety petals? Use your instinct but look at

ne petals and leaves of the arrangement that's caught your eye; the  
e state of its quality. Look at the edges of the plant as well. Poorly  
en fray at the ends and their plastic stems look as fake as plastic  
needs you scrutinize beyond just the petals, and look at the base of  
; if the dirt resembles real dirt, inspect the outer sheath at the bottom

## **se plastic plants and flowers**

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ate shortcut: Buying plastic plants. Don't do it! Just kidding —  
ard dry. High-quality plastic snake or monstera plants, as suggested  
look great and can pass off as "real." However, this is often not the



Plants tend to look like, well, plastic. Look into other materials like paper flowers arrangements for a more natural effect.

Look for an artificial plant with some imperfections, since that's what makes them look more natural. Look for faux plants with irregular leaves, imperfect branches, and color irregularities. It's also helpful to play with the leaf and branch arrangement before you get it home. "[Be sure to] take some time to prune and bend the plants to create a more natural presentation after unpackaging," Betsy Moyer, co-founder of The Plant Library, told the publication.

## Don't gather on them

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opened to you. You're just relaxing on the couch and happen to  
ble only to see a layer of dust. Then you see it on the lamp, the  
where! Well, fake plants gather dust, too. And because most plants

s, it's tempting to do a quick feather dusting. But if you want to keep flowers looking good, clean them well. And regularly.

ctics to try. According to [Apartment Therapy](#), you can clean your fake microfiber duster, dust it with a damp cloth leaf-by-leaf, or set the pot hold the plant under the shower. Try out a few approaches until you works best for you. Once you have a schedule going, you may be your living space cleaning routine.

## e formulaic arrangements

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and place for flower arrangements, like birthdays, funerals, and  
want the look of a stylish and natural plant in your home, opting for  
. Certainly, creating a pleasing fake floral arrangement is possible.

Successfully if you take some time to select the flowers and greenery that refer to great sources like [Flowers Talk Tivoli](#) for expert floral design tips. [Sanctuary Home Decor](#) also recommends opening some of the different shapes, and trimming some of the stems so they're not all

Important tip for creating natural floral arrangements is regularly. How many days does a birthday bouquet look fresh? Of course, it never, but probably about a week. Swap out your bouquets weekly or the arrangement seem real.

## **incorporate low-maintenance plants**

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your green thumb is dead brown, so you don't think you can take  
. If so, you may be unaware of the many low-maintenance plants  
to **Homes to Love**, air plants, succulents, palms, **snake plants**, and

little to no skill to keep alive.

Consider buying real **houseplants** when you're determined to decorate. Interior designers recommend mixing faux plants with real ones to appear natural. This is especially true if you want to put fake plants in dark or low-light areas—make the spots where you use faux only—be it a high shelf or a dark corner. "It's more natural and organic and less out of place within your greater decorating scheme," says Jennifer Sill of The Sill, who tells **Apartment Therapy**. To help the artificial plants blend into their surroundings, try to group like plants together. "If you're able to use faux plants with similar light and care requirements to the live plants they're paired with, they're better," she says.

## match the home decor

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in your home or apartment. You were into an industrial phase a while  
ago and want an overhaul. Take a moment before you get online to purchase  
modern, minimalist decor and a ROYGBIV floral arrangement. **Feng Shui for Real**



Starting slow and investing in high-quality, pricier plants.

You want your aesthetic to be. Fake plants can help bring out certain pops of color. "Consider the type of vibe you want to create. Ferns have a more natural feel, while a topiary is likely to represent neatness and order. Miller, a garden design expert with Rubber Mulch, told Apartment Therapy she's afraid to mix and match the different styles in your rooms."

When considering what is missing in the room, and add a plant to fill that gap. When choosing locations for your plants, it's important to remember that you're looking for a plant that works for you, so think about what's missing," Miller said. If your room is feeling sterile, a well-chosen fake plant can help nix that issue.

## ed in lackluster DIYs

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agement can be a fun challenge, but some people use them in  
h further accents their artificialness. If you want to DIY fake plants,  
ikes them appear more natural. This can include adding real dirt,

containers, or adding natural elements like leaves or sprigs. "If your  
ted, add a layer of soil to the planter to make it feel fresh," Callahan  
apy. You also want to change the container to something that  
ome decor, and if you're playing with a potted tree, add some rocks  
look more natural.

like doing is filling the planter with white stones or moss. If it's an  
t, it's a good idea to fill the pot completely with rocks to help stabilize  
in extra layer of stone or moss on top," Frank Daniel, co-founder of  
ublication. Also, don't be afraid to play with the leaves. "Google  
ant, and shape your new faux one to match," Callahan said. "It will  
r bending and manipulating the stems and leaves until they feel

**use the same color**

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may be yellow, but if you use it as the main color for every room in the house, you are overdoing it. There is no judgment here; many of us tend to rely on what we like. Awareness is half the battle. If your home decor has an ivory

spaces, go for something other than an ivory-white orchid, as per Ixia quality fake white orchids are exceptionally beautiful but disappear of a white, white, *white* detailed home. If this sounds like your home, like a fake, triumphant red iris. A bamboo palm might not just add the tropical leaves attract the eye.

Choose flowers that match your aesthetic. If you have a boho room, choose colorful or sculptural flowers. If you have a maximalist design, choose colorful or sculptural flowers. If you have classic decor, choose timeless bouquets like tulips or roses.

## Choose the pot

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isily overlooked. You don't have to accept the drab, plastic pot that  
ficial plant. You can tell a fake plant by looking at its pot. And that  
ice, as low-quality or mismatching pots are easy to spot. According

it's a design faux pas to spend money on a quality artificial plant, starter pot.

that pot your plant came with for a lovely terra cotta or colorful  
t in selecting the right pot is the appropriate fit. **Pacific Silkscapes**  
faux tree in a tiny pot cheapens its aesthetic and makes it look  
nd of like leaving a live tree in its nursery pot!

for a hand-made terra cotta or a colorful glazed pot, depending on  
theme. If you feel you can branch out (no pun intended!), try a  
reveals the roots and soil. But make sure that dirt looks natural or

**Don't use fake plants during the holidays**

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e's Day, Christmas, and St. Patrick's Day are all great celebratory  
e plants! Artificial Christmas trees are a common tradition for many  
!. Some enthusiasts go *all out* on fake holiday trees and underscore



e snow and multicolored lights. So what's wrong with that? Nothing wild! It comes down to your taste, what you like, and what decoration mood and happy for the holiday at hand.

crafty websites for ideas. **Florsani** presents a number of decorative wreaths for Halloween, many of which you may find tasteful. If you want more ideas, simply refer to the advice you've gleaned from what you've read elsewhere. Think about the iconic images of a season — like Easter lilies for spring — and brainstorm plant types and colors that pair well.

## **poor quality wreaths**

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· yet another pitfall you should know about if you want to improve the  
me. A common mistake is opting for poor-quality materials and  
p wreath is, indeed, a quick fix. It takes little forethought on your

For those who are brilliantly made fake plants, you'll be pleased to know about the many options available. [Wreaths at Home](#) offers a comprehensive look at wreaths. Common options include fake ivy, eucalyptus, evergreen, and more. Of course, if you find a high-quality, silky green or floral wreath, go for it.

Another alternative is fake pampas grass wreaths. Again, look for a quality pampas wreath, says [House Beautiful](#), as poorly made versions will look like they have a nice appearance but will shed over time. One method to counteract this is to mist the wreath with hairspray. Not too much, though, just enough to stabilize the fullness. Do it right, and this subtle, earthy decoration can elevate your interior.

## g in shame

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to include some fake plants! Yay! Honestly, there is nothing inherently bad about using fake plants or flowers. In fact, they have the potential to boost mental health, as suggested by [Interior Landscaping Products](#). The faux pas is to

ork fake by unconsciously making poor choices. Remember to place  
ur home where they would thrive naturally or illuminate the space  
t. Choose quality plants over quantity, and select attractive pots as  
ans you need to do some repotting.

and care for your artificial plants and flowers. And if you go for  
floral arrangements, change with the season! Honestly, this is an  
te your home's mood, work your creative muscles, and add beauty to  
or yourself but for those you live with!

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With White  
Vinegar And  
Watch What  
Happens**

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People Regret  
Winning The  
HGTV Dream  
Home**

**10 Awful Curtain  
Trends You  
Should Be  
Ditching**