

Growing Epiphytes on a Wooden Board

Discover the art of growing a plant on a wooden board. Whether you are working with staghorn ferns, orchids, or other epiphytes, mounting your plant is a beautiful way to showcase these plants while mimicking their natural growth habits. Follow these simple steps to create stunning, natural displays that will bring a unique touch of greenery to your space.

Materials needed

Staghorn Fern, Orchid, Air Plant, or any other type of Epiphyte
Teak or other unstained board
Sphagnum Moss
Thin green wire (2')

Instructions to mount plants

Arrange soaked moss into a nest and place it in the center of your board.
Position your plant on the moss nest with the roots resting securely.
Thread the thin wire through the pre-dilled holes making an "X" pattern around the plant and the back of the board.
Secure the wire behind the board.
Hang and display your plant in an area with room temperature that is infused with bright, indirect light.

Where to keep your plants

Staghorns, Orchids, Air Plants, and other epiphytes do best in a humid environment like bathrooms and kitchens. Avoid areas with direct sunlight, drafts, and extreme temperatures.

Plant Care

Depending on the season and light conditions, your plant may need more or less care. Use a spray bottle of warm water to mist the moss and the entire plant on a weekly basis. Drier locations may require misting more often. When the plant begins to actively grow, add liquid fertilizer to your spray bottle and spray the moss and the plant roots. If you have a staghorn fern, avoid spraying fertilizer on the shield. In the event fertilizer does come into contact with the shield, clean it away with warm water.

Soaking is an easier way for larger plants. Remember how nature works. When the plant is growing on the side of a tree, excess water will drain off. Make sure to drain any excess water from a soaked plant and moss as well.

Teak

Teak, unlike cedar, does not contain oils that are harmful to plants. It is durable, sustainable, and lasts longer than other woods. Our teak boards are hand crafted from plantation teak grown on our farm in Belize.