

Fittonia, also known as the *Nerve Plant*, is a popular houseplant known for its striking foliage with intricate veins. Here's how to care for it:

1. Light

- **Bright, Indirect Light:** Fittonias thrive in bright, indirect light but can tolerate lower light conditions. However, their vibrant leaf colors will fade if kept in too little light.
- **Avoid Direct Sunlight:** Prolonged exposure to direct sunlight can scorch their leaves.

2. Watering

- **Consistent Moisture:** Fittonias like their soil to be consistently moist, but not soggy. Water when the top inch of soil feels dry.
- **Humidity:** These plants love humidity, so consider misting them regularly or using a humidity tray or humidifier if your home is dry.
- **Avoid Overwatering:** While they like moisture, make sure the pot has good drainage to prevent root rot.

3. Temperature

- **Warm Temperatures:** They prefer temperatures between 60°F and 75°F (16°C–24°C). Keep them away from drafts, cold windows, and air conditioners.

4. Soil

- **Well-Draining Potting Mix:** Use a rich, well-draining potting mix. A general houseplant mix or a mix specifically for tropical plants works well.

5. Pruning

- **Maintain Shape:** Trim leggy or overgrown stems to encourage a fuller plant. Regular pruning will help keep the plant compact and bushy.
- **Remove Dead Leaves:** Prune any yellow or dead leaves to maintain the plant's health.

6. Common Problems

- **Yellow Leaves:** Often a sign of overwatering, poor drainage, or lack of humidity.
- **Brown Leaf Tips:** Likely caused by low humidity or inconsistent watering.
- **Pests:** Keep an eye out for aphids or spider mites, especially in dry indoor conditions.

Fittonias bring beauty and vibrant color to your space and are a welcome addition to most types of terrariums, both open and closed.

