

Propagating Plants

Practical skills

Four ways to make more plants for nothing.

The method depends on the plant.

Method	How	Works for
Stem cutting	Cut below a node, remove lower leaves	Pothos, mint, basil, tradescantia
Leaf cutting	A leaf into soil or water	Succulents, African violet
Division	Split the root ball	Ferns, hostas, snake plant
Offsets	Separate the pups	Spider plant, aloe, bromeliad
Layering	Bury a stem while attached	Rosemary, strawberries

Water propagation is easy to watch and produces weaker roots. Move cuttings to soil once roots reach 3–5 cm.