Real or faux bedroom greenery? Start with light and care

Room and care notes planner • Free, no signup or purchase.

Decide between a living plant and faux greenery for a bedroom by writing down the light at the spot, the care time you really have and who else shares the room. Match one real plant's label to those notes; if they do not match, faux greenery is a decorative option. The free planner has fields for light, care time, pets and children, a real candidate and your decision.

You need

- Paper and pencil, or the free planner
- A measuring tape
- The label or grower's care information for any real plant you are considering
- An empty pot or a paper circle to test the footprint
- The free room and care notes planner (PDF) printed on US Letter paper, and a pen

1 Map the light at the spot

Stand where the plant would go around midday. Note which way the nearest window faces, how far away it is, how many hours of direct sun reach the spot, and whether curtains or blinds usually stay closed.

2 Be honest about care and the household

Write how many minutes a week you will actually spend on a plant and how often you are away. Note any pets or young children who could reach it, since some plants are not safe for them.

3 Match one real plant to your notes

Choose one living plant you like and copy the light and watering needs from its label or the grower. If those needs do not match your notes, a living plant is likely to struggle there. Check that the specific plant is safe for any pets or children in the room.

4 Decide, then test the footprint

If no living plant fits, faux greenery is a decorative choice only; it does not improve air quality. Either way, test the footprint with a paper circle or an empty pot and keep bedside access, the lamp and charging cables clear.

Tips

- Measure the available surface and the plant's pot and leaf spread before choosing a plant.
- Follow pot care directions; keep any non-waterproof pot dry and away from a water glass or humidifier.
- The optional product link is an affiliate link. Check the selected product, dimensions, materials, care instructions, included items and return terms on the current listing. Other pictured items are separate.
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1. Light at the spot

Question	Answer
Window direction (N, E, S, W) or no window	
Distance from the window	
Hours of direct sun on the spot, if any	
Curtains or blinds usually closed?	

2. Care time and household

Question	Answer
Minutes a week I will actually spend	
Days away from home in a typical month	
Pets or young children who could reach it?	

3. One real plant candidate

Question	Answer
Plant name	
Light it needs (from its label or grower)	
Watering it needs	
Safe for my pets and children? Checked where?	

4. Space

Question	Answer
Free width and depth on the surface	
Height allowed (lamp or shelf above)	

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5. Decision

Choice	Tick	Why
Real plant: its light and care needs match my notes	☐	
Faux plant: for decoration only	☐	
Neither for now	☐	