

7 Plants to Inspire Workplace Productivity

Whether you have a tiny cubicle, a corner office or a desk at home, your workspace should be comfortable, functional and inspiring.

One simple way to inspire productivity in your office is by adding a few plants. In fact, research shows plants do more than make your workspace more visually appealing—they can improve your mood, promote innovation and improve air quality.

However, you don't want the plants in your office to be high maintenance or short-lived, so here are seven suggestions for easy-to-care-for plants to inspire workplace productivity.

Orchids (*Moth Orchids*)



Colorful, beautiful and elegant, orchids require minimal care and can bloom for many years. Just make sure your plant gets plenty of indirect sunlight and water it once a week with three ice cubes for a classic orchid and one ice cube for a mini orchid.

Succulents



Known for their earthy appearance and hardiness, succulents thrive with minimal care. You can plant several in a larger planter or decorate your desk with several small succulent containers.

Peace Lilies (*Spathiphyllum*)



Peace lilies are incredibly difficult to kill, making them the perfect office plant. In general, peace lilies need very little water, but just in case you do forget to water your plant for too long, your peace lily will wilt or “lay down” to remind you. Once you give it a little bit of water, you can watch it perk right back up.

Anthuriums



What better plant for your office than the world’s longest blooming plant? Anthuriums flower spikes can last up to eight weeks and, since they’re harmful if digested by young children and pets, your office is the perfect place to enjoy this beauty.

Bromeliads (*Bromeliaceae*)



Give your office a tropical flair with bromeliads. These versatile and low-maintenance plants come in several different colors, so you can easily find one that matches your office décor.

Spider Plants (*Chlorophytum*)



Most commonly displayed in a hanging pot, spider plants are a classic office favorite. And, as a bonus, the stems grow smaller plant “clumps” at the ends that you can clip and repot as a gift to a co-worker.

African Violets (*Saintpaulia*)



Though not *quite* as low maintenance as all the other plants on this list, African violets take up very little desk space and produce beautiful purple flowers. They may need a bit more water to stay perky, but they’re a good choice nonetheless.

So, what are you waiting for? Bring some inspiration into your office