

# Tortum Philodendron



## *Philodendron tortum*

- **Use:** Hard-to-find variety loved by plant collectors and a conversation piece. Take one look at this plant and you'll see why it's sometimes called Fernleaf Philodendron. Each leaf is deeply lobed, giving it a ferny appearance. The lacy texture stands out from a lot of other common Philodendron. As additional interest, the new leaves emerge a coppery-orange color. They slowly unfurl, showing off an otherworldly appearance. Keep away from kids and pets.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Grows well in bright indirect light. In lower light the leaves turn a darker green. Too much light or direct sun burns the leaves or causes the deep green color to fade. likes moist but not soggy soil. During the winter, water less often, keeping the soil barely moist. Do not let plant stand in water in saucer either. Feed monthly during the spring, summer, and fall with a water-soluble balanced fertilizer diluted to ½ the recommended strength. Too much plant food causes excess salt build up in the soil and can cause leaf burn.
- **Growth:** A slow-growing houseplant, it makes for an excellent addition to your favorite desk or tabletop when young. Can eventually climb 6 feet or more (if left unpruned)
- **Hardiness:** Zone 11 Annual; Houseplant, must bring inside in the winter or when temps go below 50 degrees.
- **Foliage:** Celebrated for its uniquely slender and spiraled leaves, bringing a twist of tropical flair to any indoor space.
- **Flower:** None



This plant filters pollutants from the air while releasing oxygen. With this plant in your home, you breathe cleaner air.