

Fern Pine Spiral Topiary



Podocarpus macropyllus

- **Use:** An attractive pyramidal garden or patio tree with dense, upright branching and narrow, leathery foliage that takes to shearing well. A versatile, slow growing, and low maintenance evergreen. An effective accent, screen or clipped hedge. Well-suited to large containers or tubs, and for formal topiary.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers full sun to part sun. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** Reaches 15 to 20 ft. tall, 6 to 8 ft. wide in 10 years; larger with age.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7-11; Shrub
- **Pruning:** Use a sharp pair of bypass hand pruners or handheld clipping shears to trim back the new growth to desired length. Start trimming your topiary plant from the top down. If you're nervous about trimming off too much growth, maybe start with a light trim of just a small section at the top of the plant. For example, if your plant has added 4 inches of shaggy new growth since the last trimming, maybe remove an inch or two of growth from the small section. If you decide that won't be enough, remove another inch of growth from the same small section. When you've decided enough is enough, then trim the same amount off the rest of the plant.
- **Foliage:** Evergreen, Thin, needle-like leaves arranged spirally; waxy, lustrous dark green; two wide bands below.
- **Flower:** Not known for flowers. 1 to 1.5 in. male catkin-like flowers occur in clusters; 0.5 in. edible purple-red fruit on female plants.

Please remember we are All Sales Final. Please do not buy unless you have them on a drip irrigation going off weekly if it doesn't rain. They can not just be put in a pot and neglected. They are strong, but need regular watering in pots.

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