Choosing the Right Pot

for Your Houseplant

* Select a container that is only an inch or two larger, both in depth and in diameter, than your plant’s root ball. Planting in a container that is significantly larger than your plant’s root system often leads to root rot because the excessive volume of soil holds much more moisture than your little plant can possibly take up.
* Make sure that excess water can LEAVE your plant’s container. The ideal pot for any non-aquatic plant has drainage holes in its bottom.

Did you know?

Placing a layer of stones in the bottom of your pot does NOT count as “drainage.”

Drainage occurs when excess water is able to travel through the soil and leave your plant’s container through holes in its bottom. A pot without drainage holes has no drainage.