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Stylish City Living from New England Home

Points of View

New Directions
in Design

The Lush Life

A Private Garden
in the Sky



- Inspiring Interiors
- Expert Advice
- Chic Shops

Location, location,
location!



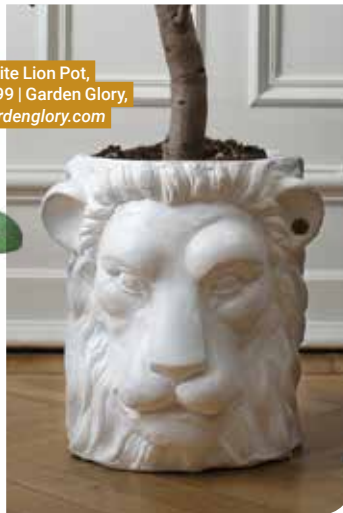
6. For the Trendsetter

"The **Bengal fig**—or ficus Audrey—is the new fiddle-leaf," says Orlando. "The leaves are smaller, and they are hardier than a fiddle-leaf. And just like the fiddle-leaf, they can get very large." The biggest issue when it comes to caring for tropical plants like ficuses is overwatering. If your tree receives a lot of light, it needs more water. Less light equals less water. Physically touch the soil or use a water meter for best results.

PRETTY POTS

Take it to the next level with these six statement-makers suited for the great indoors.

White Lion Pot,
\$299 | Garden Glory,
gardenglory.com



Domani Milos, \$700 and
\$1,200 | Winston Flowers,
various locations in Mass. and
Conn., winstonflowers.com



TREE TIPS FROM THE EXPERTS

- The key to a healthy tree is researching where it originates in order to know what type of light it wants and how much water it needs.
- Dust your tree's leaves regularly so they can work to the best of their abilities.
- Trees do an excellent job of cleaning the air, something all city dwellers can use. Trees also have a big presence, which can make you feel like you're outdoors, even when you aren't. "We have a giant fig in the shop that people will actually go sit under," says Orlando.
- Love the look of braided trunks like those found on money trees? Shop for a tree that's already braided. It's a process that happens when the tree is small. Your local tree expert will be able to teach you how to braid the tree as it grows in height.
- For light-loving trees, place them in a window where they can see the sky to ensure they are receiving enough light. South-facing windows are best.
- Still having a hard time pleasing your new family member? Take photos and send them to the shop where your tree was purchased so they can help diagnose its needs. "The more you live with plants and trees, the easier it becomes to intuit what they need," says Orlando. 📍

Jordan's Jungle, Pawtucket, R.I., jordansjungle.net
Seed to Stem, Worcester, Mass., seedtostemhome.com



Krater Drum Planter,
\$880 | JANUS et Cie, Boston,
janusetcie.com

Rattan Cylinder Basket
Planter, \$198 | Terrain,
Westport, Conn.,
shopterrain.com



Domani Bilbao, \$900
and \$1,200 | Winston
Flowers



Fiber Concrete
Flare Urn, \$198 and
\$498 | Terrain