

Fontinalis

CARE SHEET

Also known as Java Moss, these small plants offer a little haven for fish to take cover and lay their eggs.



What is Fontinalis?

Fontinalis, also known as **Java Moss**, originates in Southeast Asia. It grows on land and underwater, found under rocks, riverbanks and tree trunks in moist climates.

This versatile plant comes in various shades of green and easily distinguished by its **furry**, densely-growing moss with lots of small, delicate stems, perfect for carpeting.

Its **low care** needs, aquascaping benefits, and affordability make it a popular choice!

How do I plant it?

Java Moss is a bright green leafy plant that forms dense, carpet-like **clumps**. They don't have roots, instead having sticky "feet" called **rhizoids** which anchor them in place.

This moss can be safely planted with other aquarium plants without interrupting growth. **Fontinalis** will grow on substrate, driftwood, stones, glass surfaces and decor.

Fontinalis will stick to any surface, but may need help attaching first. **Fishing wire** is an easy way to keep it in place, and can be snipped off once the plant has established.

Fertilizer and **CO²** can be used to encourage growth, but unnecessary if living with fish.

What about lighting?

Moderate or **dim** lighting for 8-10 hours a day is beneficial because the plant is used to growing in shaded conditions in the wild.

Bright lighting allows the plant to grow faster but can also increase **algae** growth.

The moss prefers moderately warm waters and tolerates temperatures up to **30°C** to mimic the tropical climate it comes from.

Is it right for my tank?

Fontinalis is suitable for tanks containing all species of **freshwater fish**. Fish and invertebrates that nibble on plants and bottom-dwelling fish particularly enjoy it.

The plant is a common feature in **breeding** tanks as a place for fish to lay their eggs.

Java mosses are **hardy** plants that grow steadily. They're easy to care for because they don't need special nutrition or specific water conditions, and they don't overwhelm the tank with **excessive growth**.

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