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African Spear or Baseball Bat *Sansevieria cylindrica*

DESCRIPTION: Plants of the genus *Sansevieria* are succulents naturally found in southern Africa. These are almost foolproof plants. They can survive long periods of drought, haphazard feeding, and being root bound. Similarly, they can be acclimated to deep shade or bright light. The plant consists of stout, cylindrical spears that spring from the sandy soil. Best of all, they can be almost ignored and the plant will thrive. *Sansevieria* can be a slow grower, especially in low light conditions, but if yours has managed to outgrow its pot or if the roots are starting to become too cramped you can repot it during springtime.

RECOMMENDED USE: House plant or in a patio container.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Above 50°F, but can survive cold spells.



Sun tolerance: Bright, filtered light, but highly tolerant.



Watering and feeding: Can survive long periods of drought. Water monthly or less in winter, weekly in summer. Feed during growing season, not during winter.



Soil requirements: Use a fast-draining cactus mix.



Pruning: Rarely necessary, but can be done leaf by leaf, or whole rhizome divided out.