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Dwarf hybrid of the fiddleleaf fig, same care requirements with smaller leaves.



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A variegated hybrid of the plain rubber plant, also quite easy to succeed with.



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A more recent introduction with velvety, oval leaves and considered much easier than the Fiddleleaf.



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A smaller leaf species (like *F. benjamina*) that's far easier and much less messy (less leaf shedding)



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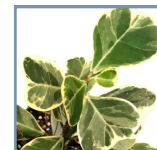
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