Ananas comosus or Pineapple makes a distinctive houseplant. Pineapple is a rosette plant with long, narrow leaves bearing sawtooth edges. Pineapples are native to Tropical America. It takes 2 years for the plant to mature enough to bloom and produce fruit. The fruit is produced from the fused inflorescence, borne on top of a sturdy stalk at the center of the plant. Homegrown pineapples are not as large as commercial pineapples.

Ananas comosus need full sun and temperatures above 68° F. We use a soil mix consisting of 2 parts peat moss to 1 part loam to 1 part sand or perlite. Allow the plant to dry in-between waterings. Fertilize every 4-week with a balanced fertilizer diluted to ½ the strength recommended on the label.

Ananas comosus is easily propagated by cutting the leafy top from a commercial pineapple. Make sure to clean all of the yellow fruit from the leaf top, which may cause the plant to rot before it is established. Peel 4 layers of leaves off and root the top in water or damp sand-peat mix. After roots appear, transfer to an 8-inch pot for growing. They are also started from offshoots of the main plant.