

# Comprehensive Shopping List for Chameleon Enclosure

**Enclosure** (2x2x4 or larger for most chameleons/screen or hybrid depending on your conditions)

<https://caskabove.com/housing-resources>

**Best Options:**

1. Dragon Strand Cages
2. ReptiBreeze XL version is 24x24x48
3. DIYcages 24x24x48

**UVB light and fixture** (same length as your cage or a foot longer/higher levels are best suited for montane species)

<https://caskabove.com/lighting-resources>

**Best kit (Bulb and Fixture)**

1. Arcadia PtoT5 UVB Kit.

**Fixture Options**

1. Sunblaster NanoTech T5 HO Fixture Reflector Combo
2. Carolina Custom Cages Reptile T5HO UVB Standard Light
  - \* When purchasing other brands be sure it is T5HO out put to get full use of your bulb.
3. Multi bulb fixtures 2 or more bulbs.

**Bulb Options:**

1. Reptisun linear T5HO 5.0 or 10.0 depending on setup
  2. Arcadia T5HO 6% or 12% depending on setup
- \*Plant light (6500k grow light bulbs are highly recommended and may be combined with your UVB in multi bulb fixture)

**Supplements** (calcium no phosphorus no d, calcium w/d, multivitamin, and bee pollen) these are lightly dusted so your supplements will last a while.

<https://caskabove.com/supplements-and-nutrition>

## Hydration:

**Mister** (a misting system will also require a bucket reservoir)

<https://caskabove.com/hydration-options>

**Options available:**

1. MistKing is the most highly recommended misting system and used by the most experienced chameleon keepers.
2. Exo Terra Monsoon Solo
3. REPTI ZOO 10L Reptile Mister

## Spray Bottle or Pressure Sprayer

**\*\*Fogger** (you may also need a small fan if the air in your enclosure is stagnant)

Options available:

1. Cool mist or ultrasonic humidifier
2. Reptile fog machines .

**\*\*Dripper** (optional if chameleon is well hydrated by fogging to 100% at night)

## Plants

Most common options include: Pothos, Umbrella plant, Monstera, Grape Ivy, Wandering Jew, Weeping Fig, Ficus, Prayer Plant, Bromeliad, Maidenhair Fern, Boston Fern, Hibiscus, Spider plant, Money tree, Nerve plant (shop your home store garden centers or local nurseries for plants available in your area)

See more at the Chameleon Academy website here: <https://chameleonacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Chameleon-Plants-122819.pdf>

**Branches** (various widths and sizes) These can be harvested from your yard, neighborhood, local parks, etc.

## ***Additional Needs***

**Gardening Supplies** (organic potting soil or coco fiber, soil additives for moisture and drainage ie. Sphagnum moss, orchid bark, horticultural charcoal, sand, and expanded clay pebbles for drainage under the soil layer, fertilizer/plant food with a balanced NPK value) also leaf liter for bio active setups and large stones to cover plant pot soil of non-bio active setups

**Container for feeders** (clean, well ventilated, and temperature controlled containers help to keep feeders alive and odor free) A large tote or sweater box will fit the bill nicely and is widely available.

**Feeder run cup/insect tweezers** (may be DIY or pre-made) or other container for feeding, if using insect holding tweezers be sure that feeder is released as soon as your chameleons tongue hits it or it may injure your chameleon (if you are letting the feeders loose inside the enclosure no cup is necessary, however in a heavily planted enclosure the insects may be quite elusive)

**Thermometer** (diital temperature gauges with probes work well but temp guns are ideal)  
**Hygrometer** (digital gauges in different locations of the cage can highlight humidity pockets which help to give your chameleon different microclimates)

**Substrate container** for bio active setups (large planter, fish tank, deep tray, etc) keep in mind you with either need a drainage hole or drop tube for excess water

**Drainage system** (drip pan tray, bucket, or down tube) a shop vac will help with emptying out whichever drain option you choose.

**Extension cords/surge protectors** and optional outlet timers (there are some power strips with built in timers that come in handy)

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**Other setup accessories:** zip ties, dragon strand ledges, pots for hanging plants, ceiling mounting hooks if mounting lighting above the cage, clear plastic window film or shower curtains to aid in closing off a screen sided cage or protecting a wall from overspray.

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## ***Recurring Expenses:***

**Distilled water** for humidifier and misting systems (preferred for humidifier but essential for misting systems) especially if your water is highly chlorinated or “hard” water

**Feeders** (crickets, dubia roaches, black soldier fly and larvae, silkworms, and moths are most commonly recommended/ waxworms, hornworms, and superworms are great treat items)

**Feeder gutload** (chameleon feeders list and proper gutloading recommendations care sheet put together by experienced members of the chameleon forums can be found here.-

<https://www.chameleonforums.com/care/images/>

**UVB light bulb** (which will need to be replaced every 6-12 months) The 6.5 UVB solar-meter is a great tool for ensuring your basking branches get the proper levels and lets you test exactly when your bulb needs changing (however, it is a bit pricey and is not always feasible for the average chameleon keeper)

## *My Supply List*

Enclosure:	_____	price _____
UVB Lighting:	_____	price _____
Heat Lighting:	_____	price _____
Plant Lighting:	_____	price _____
Hydration 1:	_____	price _____
Hydration 2:	_____	price _____
Calcium no d3:	_____	price _____
Calcium w/ D3:	_____	price _____
Multivitamin:	_____	price _____
Feeder Container:	_____	price _____
Plant 1:	_____	price _____
Plant 2:	_____	price _____
Plant 3:	_____	price _____
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Option 3:	_____	price _____
Option 4:	_____	price _____
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Option 10:	_____	price _____