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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



Calathea Makoyana

(Calathea Makoyana)

Calathea Makoyana, commonly known as the Peacock Plant, is a visually captivating houseplant admired for its vibrant and intricately patterned foliage. Its large, oval leaves feature stunning feather-like patterns in shades of green, with dark green spots and a burgundy-red underside.



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Origin: Origin: Brazil

Care Level & Placement: Moderate, Indoor plant, suitable for low to medium light conditions.

Light



Calathea Makoyana thrives in low to medium light. Avoid direct sunlight, as it can scorch the leaves. Place it near a north or east-facing window where it receives filtered, indirect light.

Water



Keep the soil consistently moist but not waterlogged. Water when the top inch of the soil feels slightly dry. Mist the plant regularly or use a humidity tray to maintain the high humidity levels it prefers.

Soil



Plant Calathea Makoyana in a well-draining, peat-based potting mix. Good aeration is essential to prevent waterlogging.

Fun fact



The Peacock Plant earned its name due to its strikingly patterned leaves, which resemble the vibrant plumage of a peacock.



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Pet Friendliness

Calathea Makoyana is non-toxic to cats and dogs, making it a safe choice for pet-friendly households.



Stress Signs

Leaf Curling: The leaves of Calathea Makoyana may curl or fold during the night or in response to low humidity. This is a natural behavior and not necessarily a sign of stress. They typically unfold during the day.

Browning Leaf Edges: Brown edges on the leaves can indicate low humidity or over-fertilization. Maintain a humid environment and avoid excessive fertilization to prevent this issue.

Yellowing Leaves: Yellowing leaves may occur due to overwatering, underwatering, or exposure to cold drafts. Adjust your watering routine and ensure the plant is protected from temperature fluctuations to address this problem.



Botanical Family: Marantaceae

Botanical Name: Calathea Makoyana

Common Name: Peacock Plant, Cathedral Windows



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