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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



Calathea Pin-stripe

(Calathea spp.)

Calathea plants are known for their stunning and unique foliage. They feature vibrant patterns, colors, and textures on their leaves, making them highly attractive indoor plants.



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Origin: Tropical regions of the Americas, Africa, and Asia

Care Level & Placement: Medium to Difficult, Indoor

Light



Thrives in medium to bright indirect light. Avoid direct sunlight, as it can fade the leaf colors and cause damage.

Water



Keep the soil consistently moist but not soggy. Calathea prefers well-draining soil and benefits from regular misting to maintain humidity.

Soil



Well-draining potting mix with organic matter like peat moss or compost added to retain moisture.

Fun fact



Calathea plants have unique leaf movements. They open their leaves during the day and close them at night, earning them the nickname "Prayer Plant."



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Pet Friendliness

Non-toxic to cats and dogs, making them a pet-friendly choice for plant enthusiasts.



Stress Signs

Curling Leaves: Curling or wilting leaves often indicate underwatering or low humidity. Increase watering frequency or mist the leaves to provide more moisture.

Brown Leaf Edges: Browning or crispy leaf edges can be a sign of underwatering, low humidity, or exposure to direct sunlight. Adjust watering and humidity levels, and move the plant to a spot with indirect light.

Drooping Leaves: Drooping or floppy leaves can occur if the plant is overwatered or if the soil doesn't drain well. Allow the soil to dry out slightly between waterings and ensure proper drainage to prevent root rot.



Botanical Family: Marantaceae

Botanical Name: Calathea spp.

Common Name: Calathea, Prayer Plant



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