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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



Gold Dust Croton

(Codiaeum variegatum 'Gold Dust.')

The Gold Dust Croton is a striking tropical houseplant known for its vibrant, variegated leaves. Its leaves feature a bold mixture of green and yellow, resembling a sprinkling of gold dust, hence its name. It's a popular choice for adding a pop of color to indoor spaces.



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Origin: Native to Malaysia, Indonesia, and other parts of Southeast Asia

Care Level & Placement: Moderate, Indoor plant



Light

Provide bright, indirect light to your Gold Dust Croton. Avoid exposing it to direct sunlight, which can scorch the leaves. Inadequate light may result in less vibrant foliage.



Water

Keep the soil consistently moist but not waterlogged. Water when the top inch of soil feels dry. Ensure proper drainage to prevent root rot, as the plant is sensitive to overwatering.



Soil

Use a well-draining potting mix rich in organic matter. A mix designed for tropical plants or general-purpose potting soil works well.



Fun fact

The Gold Dust Croton's vibrant leaves serve a dual purpose: they not only add aesthetic appeal but also help to purify the air in your home by removing toxins.



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Pet Friendliness

Gold Dust Croton is toxic if ingested by pets, so it's best kept out of reach of cats and dogs.



Stress Signs

Leaf Drop: If the plant starts losing leaves, it could be a sign of stress. This can happen due to changes in lighting conditions or sudden temperature fluctuations.

Fading Foliage: When the colors in the leaves become less vibrant or start fading, it may indicate inadequate light. Ensure the plant receives sufficient indirect sunlight to maintain its variegation.

Wilting: If the Gold Dust Croton's leaves appear limp and wilted, it's a sign that the plant needs water. Keep the soil consistently moist to prevent wilting.



Botanical Family: Euphorbiaceae.

Botanical Name: Codiaeum variegatum 'Gold Dust.'

Common Name: Gold Dust Croton, Croton 'Gold Dust.'



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