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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



Alocasia Polly

(Alocasia amazonica 'Polly')

Alocasia Polly, also known as African Mask Plant or Elephant Ear, is a striking indoor plant with distinctive arrowhead-shaped leaves. Its lush, glossy foliage features dark green leaves with contrasting white or silvery veins, giving it an eye-catching appearance. This tropical beauty is known for its elegant and dramatic presence.



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Origin: Tropical and subtropical areas of Southeast Asia and the Pacific.

Care Level & Placement: Medium , Indoor Plant



Light Alocasia Polly thrives in bright, indirect light. It should be placed near a window with filtered sunlight. Avoid direct sun exposure, as it can scorch the leaves. Inadequate light can lead to leggy growth, so ensure it receives sufficient illumination.



Water

Keep the soil consistently moist but not waterlogged. Water when the top inch of soil feels slightly dry. Use room-temperature water, and be cautious not to let the plant sit in standing water, as it can lead to root rot.



Soil

Use a well-draining, peat-based potting mix to ensure proper moisture retention without waterlogging. Adding perlite or orchid bark can enhance drainage.



Fun fact

Alocasia Polly is often called the "African Mask Plant" due to the unique appearance of its leaves, which resemble tribal African masks



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Pet Friendliness

Alocasia Polly is toxic if ingested, and its sap can be irritating to the skin. Keep it out of reach of pets and children



Stress Signs

Curling Leaf Drooping: If the leaves of Alocasia Polly begin to droop, it's a sign that the plant needs water. This can happen when the soil becomes too dry. Water the plant thoroughly and adjust your watering routine to prevent prolonged dry periods.

Yellowing Leaves: Yellowing leaves can indicate overwatering or poor drainage, which can lead to root rot. Allow the soil to dry slightly between waterings and ensure the pot has proper drainage. Trim any yellowed leaves to encourage new growth.

Brown Leaf Tips: Brown tips on the leaves can be a sign of low humidity or the use of water with high mineral content. Increase humidity around the plant by misting it regularly or using a humidity tray. Use distilled or filtered water to prevent mineral buildup in the soil.

Botanical Family: Araceae

Botanical Name: Alocasia amazonica 'Polly'

Common Name: African Mask Plant, Elephant Ear Polly, African Polly



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