East Bay Nursery

Hippo® Red Polka Dot Plant

Hypoestes phyllostachya 'G14157'

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 10a

Group/Class: Hippo Series

Description:

This spectacular, eye catching plant presents shiny dark green leaves that are splashed and dotted with bright scarlet red, creating a vibrant color accent for indoor containers; heat tolerant, and does well in sun or shade

Features & Attributes

Hippo Red Polka Dot Plant's attractive oval leaves emerge forest green, turning burgundy in color with distinctive scarlet spots throughout the year on a plant with a mounded habit of growth.

This is an herbaceous evergreen houseplant with a mounded form. This plant should not require much pruning, except when necessary to keep it looking its best.



Hippo Red Polka Dot Plant foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Hippo Red Polka Dot Plant can be expected to grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. This houseplant performs well in both bright or indirect sunlight and strong artificial light, and can therefore be situated in almost any well-lit room or location. It does best in average to evenly moist soil, but will not tolerate standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.