East Bay Nursery



Variegated Baby Rubber Plant

Peperomia obtusifolia 'Variegata'

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 10a

Other Names: American Rubber Plant, Pepper Face Plant

Description:

A beautiful plant grown primarily for its attractive foliage; prefers bright shade, avoid direct afternoon sun; a great selection for containers that does well as a houseplant

Features & Attributes

Variegated Baby Rubber Plant's attractive glossy oval leaves remain dark green in color with showy creamy white variegation and tinges of grayish green throughout the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The brick red stems are very effective and add to the plant's interest.

This is an herbaceous evergreen houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. This plant should not require much pruning, except when necessary to keep it looking its best.



Variegated Baby Rubber Plant foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Variegated Baby Rubber Plant in full
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Variegated Baby Rubber Plant can be expected to grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. It grows at a medium 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 prefers to grow in average to moist soil. 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 will benefit from a regular feeding with a general-purpose fertilizer with every second or third watering. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant.

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.