East Bay Nursery

Polka Dot Plant

Hypoestes phyllostachya



Polka Dot Plant foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 10b

Description:

A low maintenance and mounded selection with great heat and shade tolerance; charming green foliage with heavy pink spotting and speckling adds color, contrast and texture to houseplant collections; drought tolerant once established

Features & Attributes

Polka Dot Plant's attractive pointy leaves remain dark green in color with distinctive pink 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.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Polka Dot Plant can be expected to grow to be about 12 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 will do well in a location that gets either direct or indirect sunlight, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. 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 should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time. 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.