

Forget the flowery bedding plants you see in summer; these demure beauties offer a completely different look. Rex Begonias are tropical plants, prized for their colorfully patterned and intriguingly shaped leaves. Rex Begonia hybrids have been developed to have unusual markings, leaf shapes, and colors.



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Begonia rex

REX BEGONIA



Light

Full sun to partial shade. Avoid direct sunlight. They need some light to keep their coloring, but bright, indirect light is best.

Bright indirect

Watering

They should be watered when the soil feels dry, but don't wait until the plant starts to wilt. You can cut back on water during their dormant period in the Winter, watering only when the pot dries out. Humidity is crucial to keeping your Rex Begonia happy, however, spraying the leaves can lead to spotting. It's better to cluster your plants, so they can create their own humid environment, or use a pebble tray.

Feeding

Apply a balanced liquid fertilizer like Jack's® Classic All Purpose 20-20-20 monthly during growing season from Spring to Fall.

Planting & Care

Grow your plant with Black Gold® All Purpose Potting Soil amended with perlite or horticultural charcoal.

Repot each spring, using a shallow container as their roots spread out rather than down. They do NOT mind being pot-bound. Large or gangly plants can be pruned into shape. Rotating the plants frequently will keep them full and stocky.

Rex Begonias can be very demanding of just the right amount of water, food, and humidity. Plants will vary and the only way to know what your plant wants is to watch it, once it has adjusted to its new surrounding. If it's flourishing, continue with what you were doing. If it is droopy or gangly, adjust the light and water. Eventually, you'll figure out the right balance.

Size

Mature size is 10-18" high and wide.

Flower

These plants are grown for their foliage.

Temperature

65-80°F

Humidity

Moderate-High

Care

Average-Difficult