

A member of the bromeliad family, which includes the pineapple, neoregelias are some of the most colorful and easy houseplants. They need only a medium to bright light to keep their vibrant color and grow well. Do not give these plants a fertilizer containing a large amount of nitrogen, as it will turn the colorful leaves green.

Like a blushing bride, this plant's leafy rosette of green leaves have either solid red, purple, yellow, or many other colored bracts and is a focal piece wherever you place it.

Bromeliads in their natural habitat grow in trees and get their water and nutrient needs from the air and not the soil.



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*Neoregelia carolinae*

## **BLUSHING BROMELIAD**



## Light

A medium to bright light such as an east or west window will keep the neoregelia colorful and growing.

Bright indirect

## Watering

Fill the central well formed by the leaves with unsoftened water; replenish every 4-6 weeks. Keep the potting soil moist, but not soggy, and mist the leaves every few days. The shape of this plant makes a natural urn or vase in the center of the plant, and this needs to be kept filled with fresh water. When adding water, fill the urn to overflowing so that some spills into the potting medium. The potting mix does not need more water than that, as the roots are merely anchoring the plant. Empty the vase completely and refill often.

## Feeding

Mist the leaves monthly with a balanced liquid fertilizer (Espoma® Cactus Succulent Plant Food). Overfeeding reduces the leaf color.

## Planting & Care

Grow with 1/2 Black Gold® All Purpose soil & 1/2 Black Gold® Orchid Mix. Repot every year in fresh potting soil.

## Flower

The flowers bloom down in the vase and are pretty, but not obvious. The plant is grown for its beautiful foliage.

## Size

Neoregelias range from a few inches high to a few feet high and wide, depending on the cultivar.

## Temperature

65-80°F

## Humidity

Moderate to High

## Care

Easy