

With plant parents descending from Tropical Brazilian rainforests, the Calathea 'Maui Queen' is a hybrid cultivar. Its oblong, dark green leaves display a unique cream-colored pattern down the center. This pattern looks hand painted like a nature-made brush stroke.

They are often called 'prayer plants' because of their unique leaf movements: they raise and lower their leaves from day to night as part of their circadian rhythm. This phenomenon is called nyctinasty. Scientists theorize that these movements are meant to follow the sun and catch as much light as possible— an essential trait for a forest-floor-dwelling plant.



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*Calathea ornata*

# MAUI QUEEN CALATHEA



## Light

Bright indirect light, but no direct sun.

Bright indirect-moderate

## Watering

Keep the potting soil lightly moist, not wet, but never dry. Do NOT use tap water, this will cause the edges of the leaves to become brown. We recommend filtered, distilled, or rainwater.

## Feeding

Feed every 3 weeks during the growing season with a balanced houseplant fertilizer, such as Espoma Organic Indoor Houseplant Food. Feed Monthly in the winter.

## Planting & Care

Grow with Black Gold® All Purpose Soil amended with perlite or horticultural charcoal. Set in bright light, out of direct sun and drafts. They thrive best when provided with greenhouse-like conditions: warm, moist, gentle airflow.

Repot annually in the spring to refresh soil and provide a clean container.

## Flower

These plants are grown for their beautiful foliage and most likely won't flower in the house.

## Size

It may grow up to 3 feet tall

## Temperature

68-85°F

## Humidity

High

## Care

Difficult