

The bright red, yellow, and green spear-shaped or lobed leaves of this potentially large shrub look best when set center stage against a neutral backdrop. Not the easiest plant to grow, it demands high humidity and constant warmth-find and area of your home or office with these ideal conditions.

A stunning and must-have piece to any houseplant collection.



2010 30TH AVENUE
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Codiaeum variegatum

CROTON



Light

Bright sun is needed for these plants to keep their color. A south or west window with some direct sun is recommended.

Bright indirect

Watering

Keep the potting soil moist with lukewarm water from Spring to Fall; allow the top to dry out between waterings in Winter. Set it on a tray of wet pebbles, but do not mist the leaves. If the soil dries out, the bottom leaves will drop off. Low humidity will invite spider mites to take up residence.

Feeding

Feed every 2 weeks during the growing season with a balanced houseplant fertilizer, such as *Espoma Organic Indoor Houseplant Food*.

Planting & Care

Grow with Black Gold® All Purpose soil in a pot that will accommodate the root ball. Repot every 2-3 years. Set in bright indirect light, away from drafts and heaters, and in constant warmth—never below 60°F. Wearing gloves, trim to keep it to size.

Size

The croton can grow 3-6 feet in the house.

Flower

Flowers can happen in the home with enough light, but they aren't very showy. This plant is grown for its fabulous foliage. The flowers are racemes of small, yellowish flowers.

Temperature

60-76°F

Humidity

High

Care

Average



Cultivars

- 'PETRA' - This cultivar is the most common variety sold. It has very colorful oval leaves that come to a point.
- 'PICASSO'S PAINT BRUSH' - Long, skinny, multi-colored leaves.
- 'REVOLUTION' - The leaves curl around on each other like corkscrews.
- 'DREADLOCKS' - The long, strappy leaves are curly and droop down.
- 'HARVEST MOON' - The dark green leaves have yellow veins and midrib.

