

Native to Madagascar, *Hypoestes phyllostachya* is a classic tropical houseplant that is best known for its brightly variegated foliage that resembles polka dots. Leaves are dark green with intense variegation in shades of white, pink, and red. In its native habitat, the plant reaches 30" tall, but many cultivated varieties stay on the smaller side.



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*Hypoestes sp.*

## **POLKA DOT PLANT**



## Light

Bright, indirect light.

Lower light can cause it to grow slower and become stretched out while direct sunlight can burn the leaves.

## Watering

Water your Hypoestes thoroughly when the top 25-50% of soil is dry. If you let your Hypoestes dry out too much, it will let you know with limp leaves. Not to worry! After a thorough watering, the leaves should soon perk up.

## 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. It will thrive in a bright spot out of direct sun. Prune every year in Spring to keep it compact and bushy.

## Size

Most stay less than 12", this plant can be pinched to keep it smaller.

## Flower

They may develop a small flowers but they should be pinched off.

## Temperature

60-85°F

## Humidity

Moderate-High

## Care

Easy

