

Euphorbia (Red) - Succulent Plant

Crown of Thorns plant is one of the rare succulents capable of blooming almost year-round.

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5 inch (13 cm) Grower Round Plastic Pot (Black)

Description for Euphorbia (Red)

Plant height: 5 - 9 inches (12 - 23 cm)

Plant spread: 4 - 8 inches (10 - 21 cm)

Bright-green leaves grow along its thick, thorny stems. Lower leaves naturally fall off as the plant ages. If your plant gets too tall and leggy, you can prune it back by half its size in spring. This will cause it to branch out. New stems will grow from below where the pruning cuts were made, making this succulent bushy and full.

Euphorbia includes annuals, perennial herbs, shrubs and trees that have a corrosive and poisonous milky sap. Many are succulent and can either be thorny or unarmed. The deciduous leaves can either be alternate, opposite or in whorls. All spurges produce unisexual flowers. Its flowers are actually bracts that last for several weeks and are available in bright pink, red, white or yellow.

Today's hybrids produce more -- even bigger -- flowers than ever before. Spring and summer are usually the best seasons for an abundance of blooms.

Crown of Thorns flower dependably when they get enough light. They're easy to grow and drought-tolerant, preferring slightly dry, sandy soil. This succulent stores water in its thick stems just like a cactus, so it can be watered less frequently than other house plants. If its leaves turn yellow and fall off, cut back on the watering.

Common name(s): Euphorbia ,Euphorbia milii,crown of thorns,Christ plant,Christ thorn,spurge, Rosa Corona .

Flower colours: this plant comes in various colors like Red,peach,yellow-red,ivory-white,pink-green,yellow,white-pink,peach-red,

Bloom time: almost year-round

Max reachable height: Height: 1.00 to 3.00 feet Spread: 0.50 to 1.00 feet

Difficulty to grow: Easy to grow.

Planting and care

Take 3 in (7.5 cm) stem cuttings in spring or summer. Dip the cut ends in warm water for a few minutes to stop the flow of sap then allow to dry for 24 hours before inserting into barely moist potting mix. Cuttings will root in about 6 weeks.

Sunlight: Bright light to full sun.

Soil: A fast-draining medium such as cactus potting mix works best.

Water: Allow the top 1 in (2.5 cm) of soil to dry out between waterings. Water less in winter when the plant rests. Also, avoid getting water on the leaves and stems because they can rot if they get too wet.

Temperature: Grows best with average room temperatures 60 to 75F/16 to 24C; A cooler winter rest of 55F/13C will help promote flowers in spring and summer.

Fertilizer: Feed every 2 weeks spring through fall with a balanced liquid fertilizer diluted by half. In winter, feed monthly.

Caring for Euphorbia

- Also, avoid placing the plant in an area with direct sunlight before the plant establishes a mature root system.
- It is advisable to wear gloves when taking euphorbia cuttings because the latex can cause skin irritation.
- Prune off growing tips to control plants height.
- Plants that dont bloom arent getting enough light. Move Crown of Thorns to a sunny window where it gets about 4 hours of direct sun every day.
CAUTION: Wear thick gloves when handling this plant -- those thorns are sharp! Also, watch out for its toxic, milky sap, which can irritate your skin, eyes and mouth.

Typical uses of Euphorbia

Special features:

Ornamental use: Whether you want a giant thornless cactus specimen 6 feet tall or a creeping, sweetly flowering ground cover, you should try growing Euphorbias. They reward the gardener with more than just good looks, but remind us all of the variety and beauty found in nature.

References

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