

Aechmea Gamosepala, Matchstick Plant



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Description

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Aechmea gamosepala is a bromeliad endemic to southern Brazil. It is often cultivated as an ornamental plant.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Bromeliad , Lucky Stripe , Variegated Matchstick Bromeliad	Blue and purple	All year	1.5 to 2 feet	Easy to grow

Planting and care

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Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full light	Loamy soil, Sandy soil,	Medium	30 to 40 degrees C	Apply any organic fertilizer

Caring for Aechmea Gamosepala

- The Aechmea gamosepala plants like to be no more than 20 cm from the light.
- When the Aechmea gamosepala has finished blooming the flower can be cut away and the bromeliad will grow a new cup by itself.
- Old and dead parts of the cup can simply be snipped off.
- It is important to pour water into the bromeliad cup from the top in order to always have water in it.
- To prevent rot, the roots should not be kept continuously in moisture.
- A proper water-permeable soil is thus of great importance.
- Coarse peat, fern roots or dried sphagnum with perlite are all very suitable soils.

Typical uses of Aechmea Gamosepala

Special features: Houseplant for warm and humid areas.

Ornamental use: The plant is used for ornamental purpose.

References

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