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Description

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Begonia is a genus of perennial flowering plants in the family Begoniaceae. The Begonias are native to moist subtropical and tropical climates. Some species are commonly grown indoors as ornamental houseplants in cooler climates. In cooler climates some species are cultivated outside in summertime for their bright colorful flowers. Annual begonia is about as easy as it gets. It does well in a variety of conditions, but to keep it its most luxuriant best, give it light shade; rich, well-drained soil; and ample water. It also loves plenty of fertilizer, so be generous.

Because of their sometimes showy flowers of white, pink, scarlet, or yellow color and often attractively marked leaves, many species and innumerable hybrids and cultivars are cultivated. Begonias are among the most popular of cultivated plants, indoors or outdoors. These lovely plants are grown for both their leaf forms and their blooms, depending on the type of begonia. In some areas of the world, the wax begonia is easily the most popular bedding plant, while serious plant collectors still go to great lengths to hunt down beautiful foliage begonias.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Begonia semperflorens, Begonia	-	Year round	6 to 12" (height) x 12 to 18"(width)	Medium

Planting and care

The plant perform best in big size containers (8inh or more) or plant them on ground

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
sensitive to temperature changes and to temperatures below about 60 degrees F. (16 C.) You can keep them happy as houseplants or store them dormant over winter	Begonias prefer a light, rich soil. When planting directly in the ground, a moist, well-drained location is optimal and mulch will keep the roots shaded. In pots, make sure to provide drainage holes. A peat-based potting mix is ideal for containers.	Begonia rex should be watered when the soil or pot feels dry, but don't wait until the plant starts to wilt. You can cut back on water during their dormant period in the winter, watering only when the pot dries out.	Prefers plenty of indirect sunlight and room temperatures at 65-70 deg	You can feed your potted plants monthly with any good houseplant food. Too much food will make for a scraggly plant, so pay attention and adjust the feeding to suit your variety. Rex begonias can be temperamental and you just have to find the right conditions and balance for your plant. Don't feed at all during the winter

Caring for Begonia

- Begonias aren't the easiest plants to make happy.
- They can be very demanding of just the right amount of water, food and humidity.
- Plants will vary and the only way to know what your plant wants is to watch it, once it has adjusted to its new surrounding.
- If it's flourishing, continue with what you were doing.
- If it is droopy or gangly, adjust the light and water.
- Eventually you'll figure out the right balance. Repotting rex begonias each spring will ensure that they have plenty of soil to grow in, but the rex begonia is a bit potbound. Rotating potted rex begonias will keep the plants full and stocky.

Typical uses of Begonia

Special features:

Ornamental use: Some species are commonly grown indoors as ornamental houseplants in cooler climates.

References