

Croton Gold Dust (Thin Leaves), Codiaeum Variegatum Punctatum Aureum - Plant



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Description

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The croton plant is one of the most dramatic. Warm tropical colours and exotic lobed leaves make it a beautiful addition to any brightly lit room. It is hard not to notice this bushy, upright plant because of the vividly coloured foliage. The Croton house plant, has leaves splashed with green, orange and red with the veins often yellow, depending on the variety.

An evergreen shrub that is dense and compact when young. It can become more rounded and leggy when larger. The highly variable leaf colors are the strong point of the croton. Some cultivars are more green and yellow, while others can be brilliant mixes of reds, oranges, maroon, and yellows. Leaves are alternate to spiral in arrangement. Leaf shape is also highly variable with some cultivars being elliptical to oval and others being narrow and linear, while some are even corkscrew. As with many plants in the Euphorbia family, crotons have a very milky sap.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Joseph s Coat, garden croton	-	-	4 to 6 feet high and 3 to 4 feet wide	Medium.

Planting and care

Crotons (*Codiaeum variegatum*) are tropical plants that grow outdoors and as house plants elsewhere. Growing to a height of 6 to 8 feet and width of 3 to 6 feet, crotons are attractive as a single plant or a grouping and grow well in pots or in the ground.

Their green leaves turn into shades of yellow, red and purple, showing their brightest colours in the sunlight. You can grow cultivars of crotons

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Bright light, whether it is natural or artificial light.	Peat moss based potting mix.	Water the plants when the top of the soil is dry. On especially hot days, you	Should be kept in warm temperatures, with the minimum being	Feed every 2 weeks from early spring through summer with a balanced liquid

may need to water the
crotons twice a day.

approximately 60Â°F.

fertilizer diluted by half.

Caring for Croton Gold Dust

It requires high humidity. Mist daily if possible. Stand the plant on a tray of wet pebbles.

Typical uses of Croton Gold Dust

Special features:

Ornamental use: Croton plants stiff, leathery leaves in bold colours of yellow, pink, red, orange and green make it a beautiful and popular house plant.

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