

## Croton Zanzibar, Codiaeum Variegatum Zanzibar - Plant



Crotons grow best in well-drained soil and in full sun to partial shade; in hot sunny climates they look best if shaded from the hottest sun of the day.

Too much sun will bleach the color out of the leaves and too little will cause the leaves to be more green.

Provide plenty of room for growth, crotons can be pruned by hand but are ugly sheared.

Crotons are frequently grown as houseplants in colder climates and in the landscape in frost-free regions. Crotons make excellent accent plants, hedges and tub specimens.

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Description

### Description for Croton Zanzibar, Codiaeum Variegatum Zanzibar

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.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Croton, Zanzibar Croton	-	Early Summer, Summer, Late Summer	Height 3' - 10' / 0.9m - 3.0m width 1' - 5' / 0.3m - 1.5m	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
Full Sun, Partial Sun, Partial	Well Drained	Water the plants when the	Should be kept in warm	Feed every 2 weeks from

Shade

top of the soil is dry. On especially hot days, you may need to water the crotons twice a day.

temperatures, with the minimum being approximately 60°F.

early spring through summer with a balanced liquid fertilizer diluted by half.

### Caring for Croton Zanzibar

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

### Typical uses of Croton Zanzibar

#### 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.

### References

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