

Euphorbia Tirucalli, Pencil Tree - Plant



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

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Description

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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	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Spurge	Red	Almost year-round	1 to 3 feet	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	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Bright light to full sun.	A fast-draining medium such as cactus potting mix works best.	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.	60 to 75 degrees C, 16 to 24 degrees C	Feed every 2 weeks spring through fall with a balanced liquid fertilizer diluted by half. In winter, feed monthly.

Caring for Euphorbia Tirucalli

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 plant's height.

Plants that don't bloom aren't 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 Tirucalli

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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Reviews

Wednesday, 30 August 2017

Can this grown in hot places.

Rasika Srivastava

Monday, 31 July 2017

My plants are thriving! Will definitely buy this plant again when needed.

Prem Prakash Agarwal

Thursday, 06 July 2017

Bit price is high but it s amazing plant, sun is not required only lighting is enough at any conditions even room light is enough for this plant.

Racky Ranj

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