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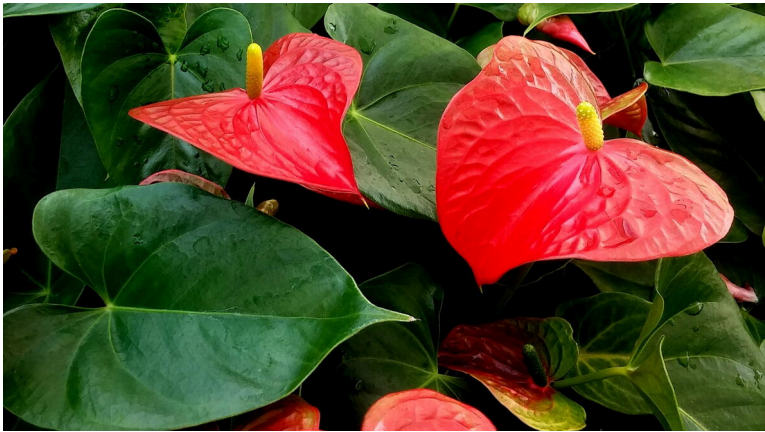


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Botanical Name: *Anthurium* spp.

Plant Type: House plant

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Growing Anthurium Plants: Watering, Lighting, Repotting, and Pests

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Anthurium (also called flamingo flower or Hawaiian love plant) is grown for its brightly colored flower spathes and ornamental dark green leaves. They are a classic and lovely houseplant, especially when given as a gift. Here's how to care for anthuriums in your home!

Look for varieties with flower colors beyond the usual red. Purple, lavender, pink, and hot-orange blooms cover plants 10 months out of the year. There can be dozens of flowers on the plant at a time!

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PLANTING

- Use well-draining soil with lots of organic matter.
- Anthuriums prefer bright but indirect light. In direct sun, they may dry out too much, and leaves may develop brown, burnt tips.
- The plant prefers a location with temperatures between 60° and 85°F (15.5° to 29°C).

GROWING

How to Care for Anthuriums

- Anthuriums like humid conditions. Keep the pot on a tray of moist gravel or mist with water several times a week.
- Keep soil moist, but not wet. Allow the top inch or so of soil to dry slightly between waterings.
- Fertilize with a houseplant fertilizer high in phosphorus every 2 weeks in spring and summer.
- Repot every 2 years, or when the

- Keep away from pets and children, as parts of the plant can cause mouth irritation and stomach distress if ingested.

Types

- *Anthurium andraeanum* has large heart-shaped waxy spathes with a spikey white flower in the center.
 - *A. andraeanum* '**Hookuloa**' has bright white spathes with a pale yellow center flower.
 - *A. andraeanum* '**Purple Plum**' is all purple, even the stalks.
- *A. scherzerianum* has arrow-shaped leaves and a curly orange flower spike.

GARDENING PRODUCTS



PESTS/DISEASES

- Mites
- Scale insects
- Fungus gnats
- Mealy-bugs
- Nematodes

The plant is usually not affected by other pests or diseases.

WIT AND WISDOM

- Anthurium can be grown in a tall glass of water! Keep the glass two-thirds full with water and add a drop or two of liquid houseplant fertilizer to the water every 10 to 14 days. Fill the bottom 3 inches of the glass with small pebbles to anchor roots.
- Anthuriums have come to symbolize hospitality with their flowers that inspire happiness and abundance.

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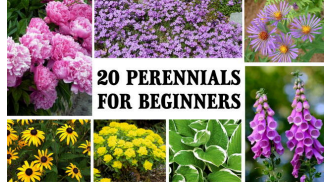
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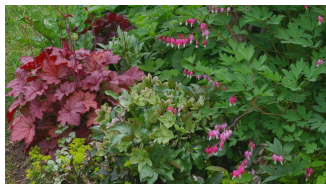
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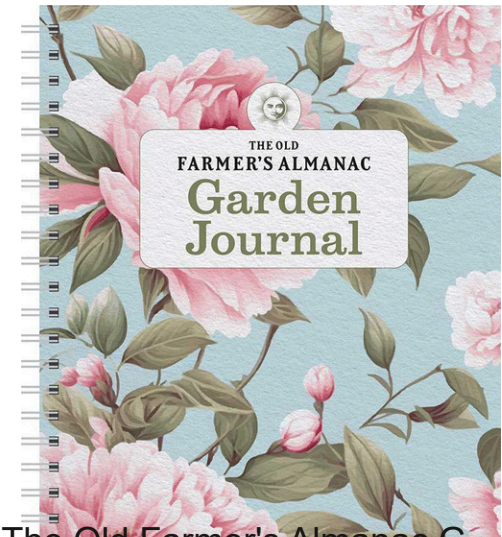
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