

DECORATE YOUR HOME WITH THE BEAUTIFUL FOLIAGE OF FANCY LEAF BEGONIAS!

While they do bloom, that is not their main attraction. Rex Begonias come in an assortment of colors, such as vivid reds and silvers. Can you imagine a Begonia with stems that are covered with neon red fuzz? Amazingly, the newly introduced Begonia Fire Flush is just such a plant. And let's not forget an older favorite that's come back into vogue - the Iron Cross Begonia with foliage that has to be seen. These varieties have a clumping growth habit. Great for a table top or mixed into a basket.

Do you need something to cascade from a hanging position or a shelf area? We have several different 'Angel Wing' begonias in stock, including one with pink leaves that have a pebbled texture. Very unusual! Or you might prefer one with wine red stems and undersides of the leaves. The leaf shape can get very intricate with some of these, hence the nickname 'Angel Wings'. There are both upright and trailing forms of these begonias.

For a really good trailer, let's not forget the Begonia 'Tiny Gem'. With its waxy textured foliage freshly colored a lush green and little candy pink blooms hanging down - who could ask for more?

Begonia care is fairly simple:

- They do not like a lot of heat or sun. While some varieties can take more, most will prefer bright indirect light or some soft filtered morning sun.
- Water when top of soil starts to dry. You can usually tell this by touching the soil. If it is spongy or springing back when touched, it is time to water.
- If dry air is a problem (crispy leaves are an indication), a humidity tray may be in order. Place the pot in a saucer several inches larger that is filled with pebbles. Fill the saucer with water to just below the top of the pebbles, so the pot itself is not sitting in water. As the water evaporates from the saucer, the plant will get the benefit of the extra humidity.

I hope we've sparked your interest in this sometimes overlooked addition to your indoor gardening subjects or just helped with some great decoration ideas! And let's not forget the benefits of plants indoors. They help clean the air as well!

Happy Growing From Your Indoor Plant Expert!
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