

COLEUS CARE GUIDE



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WATERING

Keep the soil consistently moist (but not soggy). Prolonged drought can lead to death because they have a low threshold for drying out. Water when the top 1" of soil is dry. Bottom watering is recommended so mold does not grow on the soil surface.

FERTILIZE

Feed every week or two during the growing season (spring and summer) using a water soluble fertilizer diluted to half strength.

SOIL TYPE

An all purpose potting soil will be suitable for the plants needs. If you are having issues with soil being too damp, amend using perlite to increase drainage.

LIGHT

Bright but indirect light. A West or East facing window is ideal where the plant can receive morning or evening sun. Direct midday sunlight on the leaves will cause sun scorch.

FLOWERING

If the plant forms a flower, remove the bloom as soon as it begins to form. The energy used to grow a flower will deplete the plant and lead the plant to go to seed and die.

PRUNING

Pinch the end of the plant frequently to keep the plant bushier. Each location that is pinched will lead to branched growth. If the plant becomes long or leggy, you can remove up to 1/3 of the plant during a trimming.