

# Grow Gorgeous *Colorful Aglaonemas*



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## Easy. Colorful. **Fun.**

*Colorful aglaonemas* make having and decorating with houseplants a breeze!

There's no such thing as a perfect plant, but we think colorful aglaonemas are as close as any plant we've ever seen. These gorgeous houseplants belong to a family that's remarkably tolerant of neglect—you might even say they thrive on it! You can grow colorful aglaonemas practically anywhere in your home or office, making them topnotch choices for decorating your favorite space.

We've put together this guide so you can learn more about these delightful plants and get ideas for how to use colorful aglaonemas in your home or office. If you have questions beyond what you find in this idea book, please visit our website at [www.costafarms.com](http://www.costafarms.com) or send us an email at [information@costafarms.com](mailto:information@costafarms.com) and we'll be happy to help however we can.

Happy Gardening!

—Your Friends at Costa Farms



# get the basics

Colorful aglaonemas thrive with little care. Here's what you need to know for success with these low-maintenance beauties.



## Light

One of the things that makes colorful aglaonemas so special is they tolerate low light indoors, but they don't mind if they get some sun inside, either. And, they're fine with artificial light—so you can grow them in an office. As a general rule, if there's enough illumination in a room for you to comfortably read a book, magazine, or newspaper throughout the day without having to turn on additional light, your colorful aglaonema should do fine. Your plant won't mind if it get some direct sun on the foliage during the day.



## Water

Colorful aglaonemas don't need a lot of water—that's one of the things we like best about them! They prefer to be watered once a week or so, when the top inch of the potting mix is dry when you stick your finger in. If you tend to forget your colorful aglaonema, or are out traveling, there's no need to worry. These plants can survive two or three weeks without being watered. The one rule to remember is to avoid overwatering. That's about the only way to kill a colorful aglaonema.

# know before you grow

## 4 Fun Facts

- 1. THEY FILTER POLLUTION.** Growing a colorful aglaonema might help you or your family stay healthy! Scientific studies have shown they remove air pollution.
- 2. THEY'RE NOT GMO.** Plant breeders have worked hard to come up with new varieties by transferring pollen from one variety to another. They're bred naturally, not in a lab.
- 3. THEY'RE TESTED.** Our Plant Hunter travels the world looking for new varieties. When he finds something new and cool, it's tested for years before we start selling it—so you can trust it'll hold up in your home.
- 4. THEY'RE HIGHLY PRIZED.** The newest varieties of colorful aglaonemas may sell for hundreds of dollars (each!) to collectors and enthusiasts.

## 4 Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. SHOULD I PRUNE THEM?** No. Slow-growing colorful aglaonemas don't need pruning. As leaves age and turn yellow, you can remove them.
- 2. DO I NEED TO FERTILIZE?** Easy-care colorful aglaonemas don't have to be fertilized, but grow best when fed once or twice in spring and summer with a general-purpose houseplant fertilizer.
- 3. WHAT IF MY CAT EATS MINE?** Like all houseplants, we recommend keeping colorful aglaonemas out of reach of children and pets that may nibble. The plants can cause irritation of the mouth or throat if consumed.
- 4. WHERE CAN I GET ONE?** Look for colorful aglaonemas at your local garden center, home improvement center, or mass merchandiser.

## How to Pick the Perfect Pot

If you'd like to give your colorful aglaonema a new pot, here are some helpful tips:

- Look for Drainage Holes.** Colorful aglaonemas don't want to stay wet, so they grow best in a pot that allows excess water to escape.
- Material Doesn't Matter.** Easy-growing colorful aglaonemas like growing in plastic, ceramic, terra cotta, metal, and other types of containers—so choose the look that works best for you.
- Don't Overpot.** When repotting colorful aglaonemas, select a pot that's 2 to 3 inches wider than the previous pot.



Learn more about colorful aglaonemas at [CostaFarms.com](https://CostaFarms.com)

# Grow them in every **room**

*Add life to your home with colorful aglaonemas.*

These plants purify the air

## Kitchens



Native to tropical rain forests, colorful aglaonemas bask in high-humidity areas, such as next to the kitchen sink.

## Bathrooms



Because they tolerate neglect, colorful aglaonemas are topnotch choices for adding color and interest to guest bathrooms that have windows or another light source.

## Bedrooms



Sleep easier with a colorful aglaonema in your bedroom. It filters pollution from the air as you dream.

## Living Rooms



Decorate a mantel or shelf with a colorful aglaonema as an elegant, year-round accent.

## Family Rooms



Add a touch of life to your den or family room with a large colorful aglaonema.

## Sunrooms



Dress up a sun room with easy-care colorful aglaonemas. The variety of colors and textures look good together and with other plants, as well.

They come in many colors

## Collect them all



Siam Aurora

Anyanmanee

White Calcite

Pink Dalmatian

Red Emerald

# More plants for success

*Colorful aglaonemas grow well with other plants.*

Here are some of our top picks for mixing and matching in your home or office.

Ponytail Palm



Ponytail palm, like colorful aglaonema, is practically indestructible. Its grassy foliage is an ideal complement to colorful aglaonema's tropical foliage.

Orchids



Elegant and easy, orchids provide beautiful blooms that complement or contrast colorful aglaonemas. The colorful aglaonemas offer interest when the orchid finishes flowering.

Anthurium



Accent colorful aglaonema with anthurium's cheery flowers. The plant blooms on and off throughout the year, so the two offer a lovely year-round partnership.

ZZ Plant



ZZ plant looks like plastic; its lustrous green leaves look great with colorful aglaonema—and it's just as easy to grow.

They add color to green plants

Pothos



Pothos has an easy-care nature similar to colorful aglaonema, trailing growth, so it's a perfect pick for a lush, spilling look.

Jungle Queen



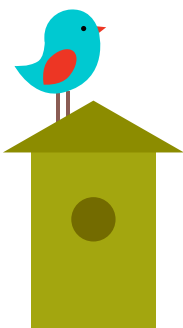
Easy and exotic, Jungle Queen is an elegant houseplant that likes the same conditions as colorful aglaonema.

# enjoy them outdoors

*Gorgeous* colorful aglaonemas are perfect for outdoor planters in shaded spots, too!

## Make container gardening easy!

Let your colorful aglaonemas do double duty by enjoying them indoors during the cool months and outdoors in the shade once the weather warms. Their easy-care nature makes them outstanding container gardening plants.



Colorful aglaonemas add bold, exotic texture to container gardens. Here, for example, it pairs with elegant callas, begonias, and blue fescue grass.



## perfect plant pairings

Keep your outdoor spaces looking outstanding with colorful aglaonemas. **Here's how:**

### 5 plant partners

- 1. IMPATIENS** are classics for shade. Choose varieties that accent your colorful aglaonema's variegation.
- 2. COLEUS** adds height and vertical drama to containers. You can find coleus in a range of leaf colors.
- 3. BEGONIAS** are just as easy to grow as colorful aglaonema! Both thrive in deep shade.
- 4. HEUCHERA** is a mounding perennial that offers cool scalloped foliage that complements colorful aglaonema.
- 5. LIRIOPE** Complement colorful aglaonema with the grassy, dark green foliage of easy-care liriope.

### pick the right pot

*Terra-cotta containers* dry out faster than other types, but are heavy, so they're unlikely to blow over in wind.

*Plastic containers* are lightweight and come in a wide variety of colors.

*Foam containers* give the look of stone, concrete, or wood without the weight.

*Metal containers* are trendy, but can become very hot to the touch in the sun.

*Glazed containers* provide color and weight, but don't dry out as fast as terra cotta.