



HELLO, MY NAME IS

African Mask Plant

ALOCASIA 'AMAZONICA'

Get to know me

I'm not African at all, although I'm not totally sure what my origin is! My parents are almost certainly from East Asia, but me and my bros probably originated in America as a result of genetic fiddling! As an angiosperm, I do produce flowers. However like most of my aroid relatives they aren't particularly spectacular. After one look at my dark glossy green foliage with pronounced white veins and purple undersides you won't care - I'm one sexy houseplant!

I'm also a house pet hating houseplant
- don't let them eat me I'm poisonous!

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What I like

POSITION



I require bright indirect light. Don't expose me to full sun or my beauty will fade and by fade I mean burn!

TEMPERATURE



I like a warm humid position. In the right conditions in the warmer months I can throw up one beautiful new leaf almost every week! Repeated exposure to colder conditions won't kill me (as long as I'm kept dry) but I may go dormant and drop all my leaves.

WATER



I like to be kept evenly moist but not soggy. As long as I can drain freely you can water me regularly in the warmer months. When the weather starts to cool wait until the top 3-4cm of soil in my pot dries out before watering me again. If you can't provide me the warmth I need and I go dormant only water me when my soil is nearly completely dry - if you overwater me in this state I'll rot and die. If you do as I say you have nothing to worry about and you can start watering me again as soon as you see new growth in spring!

FERTILIZER



A good pinch of slow release fertilizer at the start of the growing season should be all I need! Don't fertilize me during the cooler months. If the edges of my leaves start to brown you're giving me too much!

RE-POTTING



I like to be cozy in my pot so don't repot me until I'm climbing out of it! When you do repot me gently tease my little white roots apart and pot me up with an organic well aerated potting mix containing a heap of peat moss and perlite.

What I don't like

OVERWATERING



Overwatering whilst I'm dormant - don't disturb me while I'm napping or I'll literally die!



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