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Alternanthera & Acalypha

Alternanthera as well as Acalypha are most often grown for their interesting foliage shapes and colors. These plants grow quickly so be sure to rotate often for even growth. Trailing or prostrate varieties will need room to cascade.

Light: Provide plentiful bright light; the brighter the better. Some filtered or low-intensity sun rays for a few hours is most suitable as this will help to maintain the best coloration of the leaves.

Water: Keep the soil evenly watered but never overly saturated. Stems will wilt slightly when thirsty and respond quickly to a dose of water.

Environment: Avoid cool spaces or drafts as this plant prefers warm / comfortable temperatures and stable humidity.

Toxicity: Listed as toxic on the ASPCA website.

*When planting in a pot without a drainage hole, avoid over watering by estimating 25% of the container's overall volume, with appropriate drainage materials incorporated when planting.