

# DIEFFENBACHIA



#### Why We Love Dieffenbachia:

Dieffenbachia, aka Dumb Cane or Leopard Lily, are prized for their showy foliage and how easy they are to care for. Differences in variegation make each variety unique. They are an indoor plant that can truly brighten up a dark corner and still thrive!

#### **FACTS**

Grow Zone: 10 - 11

<u>Family</u>: Araceae (Aroideae)

Genus: Dieffenbachia

Native To: Central & South America, Mexico, Brazil, West Indies, Argentina Mature Height: 3' - 10' tall

Mature Width: 2' - 3' wide
Type: Herbaceous perennial

<u>Growth Habit</u>: Compact, upright

<u>Foliage</u>: Green, simple ovate alternating, frequently variegated or marbled

<u>Flowers</u>: Inflorescence with spathe & spadix, rare indoors

**Propagation:** Cuttings

### LIGHT

While most varieties can tolerate low light situations, they do best in bright, indirect light.

#### **WATER**

Allow soil to dry out half way but not completely.

Drooping leaves are usually a sign that the plant needs to be watered.

## **SOIL**

Well-draining soil. It's best to add sand or perlite to the potting mix.

Fertilize once a month with a 20-20-20 solution during spring and summer.

FYI: While many houseplants are listed as toxic, these plants are especially so. The name Dumb Cane comes from a severe numbing effect. Any people or pets who have ingested any part of the plant should seek medical attention.

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• Dieffenbachia x bausei

corsii

- Dieffenbachia spp. 'Panther' Dieffenbachia 'Starbright'
- Dieffenbachia seguine 'Camille'

INTERESTING VARIETIES:

- Dieffenbachia maculata (Spotted Dumbcane)
- Dieffenbachia ssp. 'Crocodile'
- Dieffenbachia 'Marianne'

• Dieffenbachia memoria