

## **Anthurium**

Also called flamingo flower, painter's palette, pigtail plant, strap flower, or tailflower

*(Anthurium species)*

Waxy, brilliant, heart-shaped flowers (spathes) appear almost unreal above anthurium's attractive foliage. Always buy anthurium already in flower. Blooms last up to 12 weeks. Getting the plant to rebloom is difficult under average house conditions, but it's worth a try.

### **Light**

Place in high light except during flowering; then, provide medium light. Full sun may damage bloom.

### **Water**

Keep soil evenly moist. Maintain high humidity (up to 80 percent). Mist frequently with tepid water and set on a tray filled with pebbles and water, or double-pot, filling the space between the pots with moist sphagnum moss.

### **Temperature**

Maintain temperatures of 72 degrees or higher during the day and 10 degrees lower at night.

### **Comments**

Use a growing medium high in an organic matter such as moss, fiber, bark, or peat. Feed at least once every four weeks with a dilute solution. Propagate by tip cuttings (vining varieties), offshoots (must have roots), or seed.