

## **Flowering Maple**

Also called Chinese-lantern, Indian mallow, or parlor maple

*Abutilon* species

Whether free-standing, trained to a support, or hanging from a basket, flowering maple boasts papery blossoms in an assortment of colors. The blossoms last much of the year under ideal conditions. Many varieties with a wide range of leaf shapes and colors exist.

### **Light**

Place in high light (full sun) during winter and medium (bright indirect) light the rest of the year. Blooms poorly in low light. Place in shade outdoors in summer.

### **Water**

Keep soil evenly moist. Mist daily. Prefers higher humidity.

### **Temperature**

Maintain temperatures into the 50s at night for best growth. Plant tolerates average temperatures.

### **Comments**

Pot up regularly. Feed lightly and sporadically with low-nitrogen fertilizer. Pinch to retain shape, create bushiness, and spur more blooms. Remove yellow leaves daily to stimulate growth. Propagate by seed or tip cuttings.