

Polka-Dot Plant

Also called freckle-face, pink polka-dot plant
(*Hypoestes phyllostachya*)

Pink- or rose-spattered leaves give polka-dot plant its appeal. It's sometimes sold as *H. sanguinolenta*.

Light

Place in high light in winter, medium light otherwise. Proper light is key to good color.

Water

Keep soil evenly moist during active growth. Water less in fall and winter. Mist daily. Raise humidity.

Temperature

Maintain average temperatures. Plant tolerates higher and lower temperatures, but never set thermostat below 55 degrees.

Comments

Feed acid fertilizer every 14 days during active growth. Pinch back. Leaves may drop in fall and winter; water less and stop feeding at this time. Propagate by tip cuttings or seed.