

Emerald Goddess Gardens

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A Gift from Our Garden

Botanical Name	Coleus bluemi
Common Name	Coleus
Mature Size	2 to 3 ft.
Bloom Color	White, Lavender
Bloom Period	Late Summer to Fall
Bloom Form	Small Nondescript Single
Water	Moderate
Light	Light Shade
Fragrance	None
Uses	Shade Garden accent, bedding, potted, indoor/outdoor
Special Features	Colorful Foliage
USDA Hardiness	9, 10, 11



Coleus have been a favorite pass-along plant going back to the Victorian Age, when having a large collection of the wide range of leaf colors and forms was wildly popular. The trend resulted in coleus becoming one of the most widely well known and grown plants worldwide. They are versatile, easy to grow and can provide year round color, texture and interest in almost any garden.

This soft, cold tender, perennial is primarily grown for its colorful foliage. There are hundreds of variations, with new hybrids introduced every year. They do bloom, but the blooms are small, single rather nondescript flowers in white, beige, or pale lavender, that don't usually appear until plants begin to age and become open, leggy and badly in need of pruning.

They perform best in light shade, can be adapted to grow indoors, but require moderate light levels to maintain leaf color and frequent light pruning to prevent stretched leggy growth. They can be acclimated to grow in full sun with careful attention to irrigation, however they generally do not survive more than one or two seasons in full sun environments. Best uses include as Shade Garden accent, bedding plant, mixed perennial beds, or potted plants. They are great components in mixed garden pots and dish gardens.

Coleus root easily from stem cuttings kept in moist media in the shade or can be grown from seed.

For quick answers to your growing or planting questions, just email us at service@emeraldgoddessgardens.com

If you don't know your USDA Planting Zone, you can check the map on our website site at emeraldgoddessgardens.com

Please accept this gift from our garden:

- It is sent with our thanks, and in an effort to keep the old tradition of pass-along plants alive.
- We understand that it might not be a plant you like, or even have spot for. If that should be the case, then please pass it along to a friend. (Along with our contact information, we hope!)
- We change the type of plant that we enclose frequently, so you can anticipate a new surprise with each new order.
- *Enjoy, and please come back often!*

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Care of your starter plug:

Direct planting of starter plugs directly into landscaped is not recommended. So, for the best results with your new starter plug, we suggest that it be repotted into a larger pot and allowed to grow larger until the new pot is filled with roots before setting out.

- Immediately re-pot the new plant into a 6-8 inch diameter pot that can drain easily and thoroughly.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media.
- Apply a high quality, **slow release** plant food according to the label directions.
- Locate so that the plant can receive direct, full spectrum, light for several hours daily, but is protected from hot, direct afternoon sun.
- If reusing the crystals, mix and incorporate them thoroughly throughout the potting media.
- Be sure the pot can drain and that the bottom of the pot does not sit submerged in water for more than a day
- Supplement feed with a water soluble plant food every 2-3 weeks according to the label directions.
- Prune or pinch lightly and often when the plant is young and actively growing to strength the central stalk and encourage branching and build uniform shape.
- Monitor for signs of disease or insects and treat accordingly
- Protect from freeze and frost
- Allow the new plot to fill with roots before setting out in the landscape in the recommended USDA Zone Range for the plant.