

Emerald Goddess Gardens

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A Gift from Our Garden

Botanical Name	Codiaeum variegatum
Common Name	Shoestrings Croton
Mature Size	3 ft. x 3 ft.
Bloom Color	Yellow, Green
Bloom Period	No Bloom
Bloom Form	N/A
Water	Moderate
Light	Very Light Shade
Fragrance	None
Uses	Shade Garden accent, bedding, potted, indoor/outdoor
Special Features	Colorful Foliage
USDA Hardiness	9, 10, 11



***Codiaeum variegatum* or Crotons** are a big species of tropical shrubs with variegated colored leaves native to Malaysia and Eastern Pacific Rim. There are thousands of different varieties, and are the perfect choice to brighten up a shady garden spot, or sprinkle around in pots anywhere that a dash of brilliant color and or texture is wanted.

They work great in pots and dish gardens can be successfully wintered over with full spectrum light in colder climates or is often grown as an annual.

The Shoestring Croton is an old heirloom Croton with very narrow strapped leaves that grow close and tight to the stem.

It is a moderately quick growing, small statured croton that will reach a mature height of only about 3 feet, and is easily maintained smaller, if desired. It lends contrast and texture to lightly shaded gardens, can be adapted grow indoors, or incorporate in garden pots and dish gardens. The variegation will vary with the age of the growth, available light, temperature, and nutrition.

Find a larger starter size **Shoestrings Croton** on our website and skip the wait to maturity on your starter plug!

https://www.emeraldgoddessgardens.com/shop/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=57&products_id=776

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.

Gift plants are our courtesy way of saying Thank You and that we appreciate your order, and are not covered by any Warranty that may apply to your paid order. We hope you will enjoy.