'Elephant's Ear'

Alocasia x amazonica

An eye-catching plant, Elephant's Ear stands out from the crowd. Thick, upright stems carry arrow-shaped leaves with scalloped edges. Bold silver-green veins contrast with glossy, dark-green on the leaves. Elephant's Ear is small, reaching 2 ft when fully grown.

Sunlight: Bright light, but no direct sun.

Water: Keep soil moist from spring through to autumn, when plant is actively growing. Water sparingly in winter, allowing the top inch of soil to dry before watering.

Humidity: Likes high humidity. Mist the plant frequently, or place it on a tray of wet pebbles. Regular misting also helps to keep away red spider mites that are attracted to dry conditions.

Temperature: Average to warm (65-75°F/18-24°C).

Feed: Feed every 2 weeks from spring through to autumn with a balanced liquid fertilizer diluted by half. Do not feed in winter.

Repotting: Repot every 2 - 3 years or when the roots are crowded in the pot. Plant in well draining compost.

Top Tip: Alocasia grows from rhizomes, which can be divided in spring for more plants. Each rhizome produces several leaves that grow to 1 ft long.







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