

Polly African Mask



This plant filters pollutants from the air while releasing oxygen. With this plant in your home, you breathe cleaner air.

Alocasia x amazonica 'Polly'

- **Use:** While Polly is a hybrid houseplant created relatively recently with mixed origin stories, the genus *Alocasia* is native to tropical rainforest climates in India, Southeast Asia, Southern China, and the Southern Pacific islands. About seventy species fall within the genus *Alocasia*. *Alocasia* houseplants can stay small — from a few inches high to three feet tall — but can also grow to the size of a small tree. It just depends on the variety you choose and its growing conditions. Try not to be jealous, but your indoor *alocasia* plant will go dormant in the fall and winter months. During its break from putting out new growth, you can cut back on watering and should not fertilize.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Thrives in bright, indirect light. That means a few feet away from a bright window, filtered by thin curtains or blinds. Do not expose to direct sunlight or the leaves may burn. Water when the first two inches of soil are dry. Similar to most tropical foliage, they prefer humid conditions. Their thick stems allow them to store water, meaning they shouldn't be overwatered. The soil should be moist, but not saturated. Fertilize every two to three weeks during the growing season, from the end of March through early September.
- **Growth:** This plant can reach 1-2' tall with a 1-2' spread at maturity.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 10-12, Houseplant/ Annual
- **Foliage:** Features large, waxy leaves in the shape of an arrow-head protruding from long single stems. Leaves are a deep green with silver veining and have a rich purple underside.
- **Flower:** Not known for their flowers.

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