

Zebra Plant



Dark, blackish-green glossy leaves with white veins give the zebra plant its name. Just for its foliage alone, it's a delight to grow!

Aphelandra squarrosa

- **Use:** Known for its large shiny leaves and dark green foliage deeply veined in white or yellow, reminiscent of zebra stripes, hence the common name. Their brightly colored flowers and bracts make for a prized display.
- **Exposure/Soil:** They do need high humidity and setting their pot on a tray filled with pebbles and water or regular misting should be an integral part of how to care for a zebra plant.
- **Growth:** In its natural environment, it can act as a climbing plant, but in containers it usually stays under 2' tall.
- **Hardiness:** Will do well in average household temperatures around 70°F. (20° C.) and around 60°F. (15°C.) at night if they are kept out of drafts.
- **Foliage:** Displays lovely dark glossy green leaves with prominent whitish colored veins. These leaves grow to about 9 inches long and a few inches wide within the center of the leaf, and they have pointed tips.
- **Flower:** Summer is the time for bloom, and it is the bracts that provide the yellow, orange or red-tinged 'flower.' The true flowers die within days, but the colorful bracts can remain for months. Once these begin to die, they should be removed and the plant cut back to allow room for future new growth and the yearly cycle begins again.