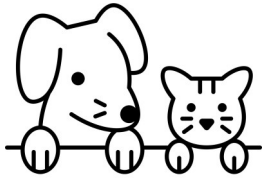


# Striped Earth Star Bromeliad



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



This plant is considered non-toxic, therefore safe around children and pets.

## *Cryptanthus sp.*

- **Use:** Earth stars are unusual houseplants perfect for adding a dash of color and texture to your spaces. Small indoor plants, they're perfect for growing on bright tabletops -- and make excellent living centerpieces for special gatherings. Because they're easy to grow, earth stars are also ideal additions to your desk at work. They don't need constant nurturing, so you can enjoy their beauty without a lot of maintenance. Most earth stars have variegated foliage, which makes them striking to look at, even without flowers. Punch up the color quotient by growing your earth star in a contrasting container; a pink-variegated selection, for example, becomes a showpiece in a lime-green pot.
- **Exposure/Soil:** High indirect light is best. These small indoor plants can take some direct sun on their leaves, so they're perfect for dressing up an otherwise bland window sill. As a general rule, the brighter the light, the more colorful the plants are. If your earth stars seem pale, move them to a brighter spot and they should start to show more intense shades. Prefers high humidity. Water earth stars so the soil just dries before watering again. They don't seem to be particularly fussy, however and will thrive in moist soil. Likewise, if you forget to water your earth stars now and again, they don't mind.
- **Growth:** Grows 3-6" tall and 12" wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 10a-12b; Houseplant, Can keep on a shady porch in summer when temps above 50 degrees, must bring inside in the winter.
- **Foliage:** A miniature rosette of pink and red striped leaves that grow close to the soil surface.
- **Flower/Fruit:** It can take many years before flowers will appear. It will produce flowers only once. After flowering, the plant will slowly die while sending out side shoots. A very prolific "pupper" after the bloom period.

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