

# Tricolor Creeping Strawberry Begonia



## *Saxifraga stolonifera* 'Tricolor'

- **Use:** Strawberry Begonia, also called "Mother of Thousands" because of its prolific spread by red strawberry-like runners, is an evergreen stoloniferous flowering perennial with heart-shaped green leaves with distinctive white veins above and attractive red beneath. The plant forms a spreading, low mat propagated by the division of plantlets from thread-like runners.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part sun to full shade. Prefers moist, rich soil. (Please amend the red clay thoroughly and make sure no standing water though please!)
- **Growth:** Grows 6-8" tall and 12-18" tall. As the plants mature, strawberry begonia sends out runners (stolons) that form tiny plantlets on the end of each one. These plantlets can be removed from the mother plant and potted up individually.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-9; Perennial or Houseplant
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. Showy tri-colored rounded leaves of green, cream and rose. More coloration in cooler weather.
- **Flower:** Pretty clusters of small white flowers in the spring and early summer.

**Contrary to its name, strawberry begonia is neither a true begonia nor a strawberry; it does have fuzzy leaves like a begonia and runners like a strawberry, which is where it gets its name.**

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