

# Foliage Begonias

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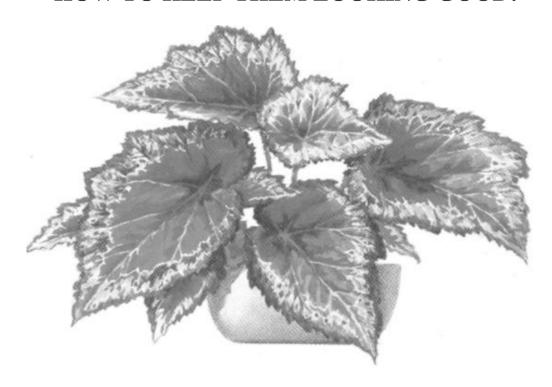


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#### **HOW TO KEEP THEM LOOKING GOOD!**



Our plants are often chosen for their distinctive qualities of colour, leaf shape and texture. Many have abundant flowers especially early in spring. They make fine houseplants as well as interesting subjects for Begonia collectors. Here are some tips on how to keep them:

### 1 Watering:

Allow the plants to become fairly dry between waterings. Use a high potash feed with every third watering during the peak growing season from April to November.

### 2 Light:

Begonias can grow in quite shady positions but not in the half-dark. A north window makes a good site generally, whilst cane and fibrous rooted Begonias do well in east or west windows. South facing windows should be avoided because strong sunlight damages the plants, some shading is necessary.

### 3 At Home:

Begonias should not be placed near radiators or an open fire which can cause shrivelled leaf edges. Also avoid putting them in draughts. Normal household temperatures are suitable for Begonias. A cool, very humid atmosphere can lead to problems with powdery mildew or botrytis where air circulation is also poor.

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