

Cultural Information – Plectranthus

(plek-TRAN-thus)

Hardy to Zone 9 and higher for outdoors.
Partial sun, grows 1.5-2' in container, minimum temperature 60°, intermittent bloomer.

<u>Light:</u>	Partial sun, an eastern or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 60°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Preferably 50% or higher; however, they will tolerate low levels with no harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring soil to a state of visual dryness between watering. When watering, thoroughly saturate soil until a little water runs out of the bottom of the pot. Growing in a clay pot will help maintain a healthy root system.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Use ½ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water once a month. Use a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or a blooming fertilizer like a 7-9-5. When active growth stops in winter, discontinue feeding.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Prune back in late Spring if growth is excessive. At this time of year, flowering will be least disrupted.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	For the most part, insects or diseases do not bother them.
<u>Comments</u>	This is an easy grower and the rewards of winter color are well worth the effort for the home gardener.