



**Hippo® White Polka Dot Plant**

*Hypoestes phyllostachya 'G15180'*

Height: 22 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ○ ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 10a

Group/Class: Hippo Series

**Description:**

This spectacular, eye catching plant presents shiny dark green leaves that are splashed and dotted with white, creating a unique contrast in the garden or containers; heat tolerant, and does well in sun or shade

**Ornamental Features**

Hippo White Polka Dot Plant's attractive oval leaves remain dark green in color with distinctive white spots throughout the season on a plant with a mounded habit of growth.

**Landscape Attributes**

Hippo White Polka Dot Plant is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Hippo White Polka Dot Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Hippo White Polka Dot Plant foliage  
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## **Planting & Growing**

Hippo White Polka Dot Plant will grow to be about 22 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant performs well in both full sun and full shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Hippo White Polka Dot Plant is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.