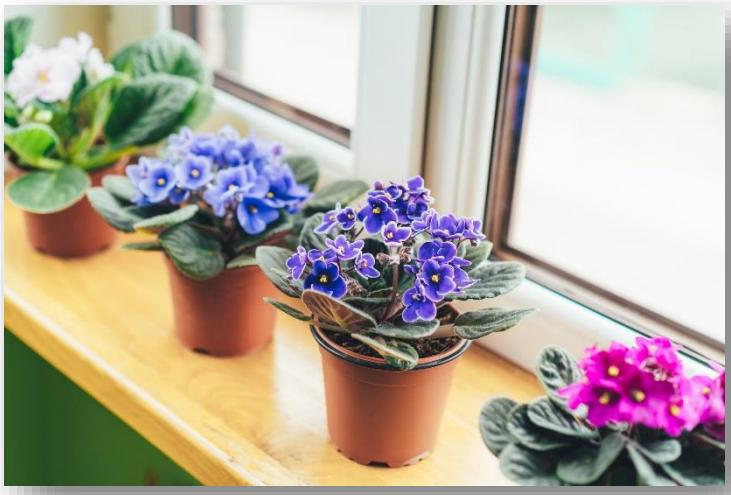
African Violet



Saintpaulia

If you're looking for that perfect "easy-care" and "pet-safe" house plant- look no further than African Violets! These compact beauties make a great addition to any home or office collection. With a little bit of know-how, you can create a collection of African Violets that will thrive year round!

Characteristics:

Dimensions: 6-12" H X 3-14" W

Foliage: Fuzzy, rounded foliage in light to deep green

Blooms: Pink, Purple-Blue, White. Available in single and double flowers!

Hardiness: Not hardy in our area; keep your violets above 55 degrees F. Ideal temperatures are between 70-80 degrees F.

Toxicity: Considered non-toxic to pets and people; not considered edible, however.

Care Requirements:

Light: Considered a great houseplant because they thrive with medium to bright indirect light. Keep your violet out of harsh sunlight! They appreciate some humidity, so a patio is a good spot- but beware the afternoon sun! If you notice that your leaves are starting to spot, your plant might be receiving too much light – even if that light is indirect!

Water: Set your plants in a tray of water (if it isn't in a self-watering pot) whenever they need a drink. Never leave your plant in standing water for long periods of time. Always avoid watering your African Violet from overhead. Top watering will cause spots on the leaves. Aim for consistent moisture, without creating soggy soil.

Soil: Prefers relatively porous and freely draining soil. Consider selecting an African Violet specific soil. These soils will contain materials such as worm castings, peat moss, or pumice to keep your violets thriving! Generally, they will also contain a small amount of started fertilizer.

Fertilizer: Don't overdo fertilizing. Since your plants will be slow growing, don't feel like you have to push fertilizer to speed up growth and blooming. Choose a gentle house plant fertilizer to apply once a month.

Pruning: Remove any spent flower stalks or diseased/ damaged leaves.

Uses:

- Great addition to low light areas in the home
- Appropriate for shaded patios during warm weather

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