Did you know?

Year of the Coleus 2027

Despite its lack of a minty scent, Coleus is a proud member of the Lamiaceae (mint) family. You can tell by looking at its stems—like all mints, Coleus has distinctly square stems.

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In the late 19th century, "Coleus-mania" hit England. Collectors competed to find the most exotic leaf patterns. Rare varieties were sold for the modern equivalent of hundreds of dollars.

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Coleus flowers are pretty but they signal to the plant that its life is ending. Removing them forces the plant to put all its energy back into its spectacular foliage, keeping it bushy and vibrant.

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While traditional Coleus varieties were just shade plants, modern breeding has created varieties that thrive in full sun. These types often have even more intense colors when exposed to bright light.

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A "sport" is a part of a plant that suddenly shows a different morphological character. Coleus is highly prone to sporting, which is how many of the unique cultivars we have today were originally found.

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While they are usually mounding bedding plants, Coleus can be trained into a "topiary tree." With patience and a sturdy stake, you can grow a single-stemmed Coleus 3–4 feet tall with a lush & colorful canopy.

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A single plant can look very different depending on where it's planted. Light intensity, temperature and even soil pH can cause the pigments (anthocyanins) in the leaves to shift, making it a living mood ring.

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Coleus also makes an excellent houseplant. As long as it gets bright, indirect light and even moisture, it will bring tropical color indoors all winter long.

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