Common Name: Croton
Scientific Name: Codiaeum variegatum
Family: Euphorbiaceae

Native to Indonesia, croton is one of the most colorful indoor plants. The green leaves are usually splotched with yellow, pink, red and orange colors. High light intensity increases bright leaf pigmentation, while low light diminishes the intensity of variegation. Plants tolerate high temperature and high light levels. Leaves will drop when growing medium is completely dry. Plants are susceptible to mealybug. Plants are propagated by cuttings. Stem pruning is needed to keep the plant in a bushy form.

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