



## Mythic™ Cucullata Buddha's Palm Elephant Ears

Alocasia cucullata

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Other Names: Buddha's Hand, Chinese Taro, Hooded Dwarf

Group/Class: Leafjoy Houseplants

## **Description:**

This small variety produces attractive heart shaped leaves with thick veining on the undersides, curled tips and upturned leaf margins; eventually forms a nice thick clump, fast growing but doesn't get to large; an excellent indoor accent plant



Mythic Cucullata Buddha's Palm Elephant Ears in full Photo courtesy of Proven Winners

## **Features & Attributes**

Mythic Cucullata Buddha's Palm Elephant Ears' attractive small glossy heart-shaped leaves emerge chartreuse, turning dark green in color throughout the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth.

This is an open herbaceous evergreen houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. This plant usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning.

## **Planting & Growing**

When grown indoors, Mythic Cucullata Buddha's Palm Elephant Ears can be expected to grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. This houseplant should be situated in a location that that gets indirect sunlight at most, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. It does best in average to evenly moist soil, but will not tolerate standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It will benefit from a regular feeding with a general-purpose fertilizer with every second or third watering. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant. Be warned that parts of this plant are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so special care should be exercised if growing it around children and pets.



There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.

-- THIS IS A HOUSEPLANT AND IS NOT MEANT TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --