

Botanical Name: Dieffenbachia 'Exotica'

Common Name: Compact dumbcane

Type of Plant: monocot: houseplant Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape single or multi-stemmed plant, upright plant with large
fleshy leaves and stems -- very compact medium green leaves with white and
pale green markings

Height to 18" Spread to 18" Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure indoor takes fairly low light, northern or eastern exposure

Soil well-drained potting soil

Hardiness very durable in low-light conditions

Morphology:

Leaves to 10" long, 4 1/2" wide, entire, elliptical with irregular
white spotting on entire upper surface of leaves - thick, fleshy, jointed stems

Flowers spathe -- greenish to 3" long -- not attractive

Fruit inconspicuous

Propagation: cane cuttings, air layering, stem cuttings

Usage: houseplant for low light conditions, usually used with
several plants in each pot -- often sending out several side shoots each
filling the pot with foliage

Landscape Care:

Watering average -- takes dryness better than over-watering

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength, 2X/month during growing season

Pruning remove dead leaves, cut back plants which get to tall

Pests/Diseases spider mites, root rot if over watered

Special Conditions

Origin: Trop. Amer. Family: Araceae