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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical name	Goeppertia roseopicta 'Dottie'
Shop size	17 cm pot · about 60 cm
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Foliage	Dark with pink patterning and reddish undersides
Habit	Upright foliage plant
Light	Bright to partially shaded without hot direct sun
Water	Evenly slightly moist; preferably low-lime water
Temperature	Warm and out of cold draughts

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Light	Filtered daylight without hot direct midday sun.	Dark foliage still needs light.
Water	Supply evenly before severe drying.	A gentle moisture pattern is better than extremes of wet and dry.
Quality	Use suitable water with as little lime as possible.	Sensitive foliage care benefits from suitable watering.
Drainage	Check and empty the outer pot after watering.	Slight moisture does not mean permanently wet roots.
Room air	Pleasant humidity and some air movement.	Dry heated air may stress leaf tips.
Soil	Loose, free-draining and slightly moisture-retentive.	Roots need air and even supply.
Fertiliser	Supply moderately during growth following product instructions.	Heavy applications do not replace good position conditions.
Winter	Keep warm, bright and draught-free.	Watch the root ball even with lower consumption.

Knowledge that grows

Pink lines work against a dark background

Dottie carries a particularly calm yet striking pattern. Pink lines run over dark oval leaves, forming their own design from the leaf centre and outer area. Reddish undersides show when a leaf stands differently or a new shoot unfurls. I choose a plain light background so those colours do not disappear among many patterned objects. The shop states a seventeen-centimetre pot and about sixty centimetres height. The scene shows one possible living position with gentle daylight and uses the offered young starting form rather than an artificially huge plant.

Calathea remains the familiar shop name

Many plant lovers know Dottie as Calathea. Botanically the cultivar is now called *Goeppertia roseopicta* Dottie. In this portrait both names lead to the same offered plant, not two different care guides. Actual growth and the unchanged offer image remain decisive. Individual leaves may face differently and change position during the day. Not every little movement therefore signals a lack of water. I look at the whole condition before fetching the watering can. Dark tops and reddish backs are part of the leaf effect we value in this cultivar.

Dark foliage does not mean a dark position

A bright to partially shaded position with filtered daylight suits it well. Dark colour does not make the plant a candidate for a lightless niche. Hot direct midday sun behind glass is avoided, however. After transport it gets a quiet warm position and some acclimatisation time. I observe new leaves and check actual light rather than merely measuring distance to the window. A large curtain, deep shelf or close neighbouring plant can intercept plenty of light. The attractive outer pot alone tells nothing about whether its position also suits the leaves.

Slight moisture without hidden residual water

The root ball should stay evenly slightly moist. It is supplied in a controlled way before severe drying; at the same time water must not permanently stand at the roots. I feel the upper soil and check container weight. After watering the nursery pot drains and the outer pot is emptied. Suitable water with as little lime as possible fits this care. A fixed weekly rhythm is no reliable shortcut, because warmth, light and compost change consumption. In a grey winter week the same root ball often dries more slowly. That change is considered without subsequently leaving the plant completely dry for a long time.

Room air and temperature count too

Very dry heated air may stress leaf tips. More pleasant humidity may help as long as there is some air movement. I do not keep foliage permanently wet or put the plant in a dark closed jar for that reason. Cold draughts also deserve attention. A spot directly in the path of an open window can quickly become unsuitable in autumn despite lovely daytime light. Brown edges are therefore not automatically answered with more water. The combination of root ball, room air and temperature must be considered before trying several new care steps at once.

Develop the root ball gently

Loose free-draining, slightly moisture-retentive soil gives roots a suitable base. When repotting, a little more space is offered only if needed. A huge pot of soil staying wet for a long time does not simplify care. I set the plant at its previous height and handle the root ball gently. During visible growth feeding is moderate; dosing and any fertiliser already present are considered. Leaves can be carefully freed of dust without bending them hard. Pink lines need no shine product or extra food intended to force a particular colour distribution.

Do not confuse damage with normal colours

An older leaf may age. But if soft shoots, unusual patches or drying edges increase, I check conditions specifically. A dry light root ball needs a different response from wet soil in a cool spot. Leaf undersides can be gently inspected for pests; their natural reddish colour is not interpreted as infestation. An identifiable cause is corrected first and new growth observed. The original gallery photograph records the actual shop presentation. The living scene adds a design idea with outer pot and furnishings, which are not promised as extras to the offer.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



Original shop photograph of the offered plant; the details in the respective offer are authoritative.

Good to know

What is Dottie's botanical name ?

Goeppertia roseopicta Dottie; the familiar shop name Calathea Dottie remains recognisable.

Are pink lines and red undersides normal ?

Yes, those colours belong to the cultivar's typical leaf appearance.

Can it go in a dark corner ?

Dark foliage does not mean a lightless position; filtered daylight matters.

Why do brown tips appear ?

Check root-ball moisture, dry room air, water quality and temperature together.

Must it stay constantly wet ?

No. Even slight moisture and an empty outer pot belong together.

Should it be misted constantly ?

Permanently wet foliage is no replacement for suitable room-air conditions.

Do leaves move without a lack of water too ?

Their position may change throughout the day; check the root ball instead of treating every movement as a shortage.

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