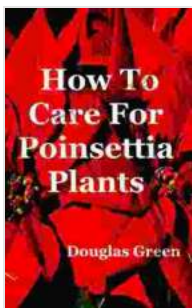


How to Care for Poinsettia Plants: A Beginner's Guide to Keeping Your Holiday Blooms Thriving

Poinsettias are a popular holiday plant, but they can be tricky to care for. This beginner's guide will teach you everything you need to know about how to keep your poinsettia plant healthy and blooming for as long as possible.



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Choosing a Healthy Poinsettia

When choosing a poinsettia plant, look for one with:

- Brightly colored bracts (the modified leaves that look like petals)
- Healthy, green foliage
- No signs of pests or diseases

Poinsettia Care

Light

Poinsettias need bright, indirect light. Avoid placing them in direct sunlight, as this can scorch the leaves.

Water

Water poinsettias when the soil is dry to the touch. Avoid overwatering, as this can lead to root rot.

Temperature

Poinsettias prefer temperatures between 65 and 75 degrees Fahrenheit. Avoid exposing them to cold temperatures, as this can damage the plants.

Humidity

Poinsettias prefer high humidity. You can increase the humidity around your plant by placing it on a tray of pebbles filled with water.

Fertilizer

Fertilize poinsettias every two weeks with a balanced fertilizer.

Troubleshooting Poinsettia Problems

Leaves turning yellow

This can be a sign of overwatering or underwatering. Check the soil moisture and adjust your watering schedule accordingly.

Leaves dropping

This can be a sign of overwatering or too much cold exposure. Check the soil moisture and temperature and adjust accordingly.

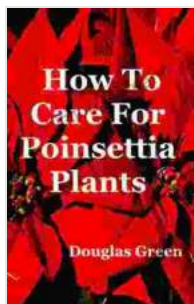
Pests

Poinsettias are susceptible to a variety of pests, including mealybugs, aphids, and whiteflies. Treat infestations with an insecticidal soap or neem oil.

Diseases

Poinsettias are susceptible to a variety of diseases, including botrytis blight and powdery mildew. Treat diseases with a fungicide.

Poinsettias are a beautiful and festive holiday plant, but they can be tricky to care for. By following these tips, you can keep your poinsettia plant healthy and blooming for as long as possible.

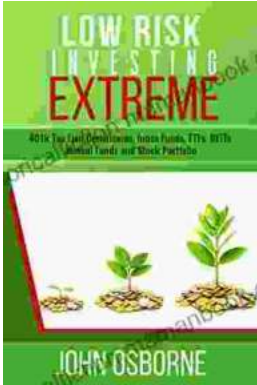


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