# Mythic™ Black Velvet Jewel Alocasia

***Alocasia reginula 'Black Velvet'***

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Other Names: Elephant Ears, Taro

Group/Class: Leafjoy Houseplants

**Description:**

Rich, emerald green emerging foliage matures into large, heart shaped leaves that are velvety and near black, with prominent, bright white veins; a visually elegant indoor accent in bright indirect light

**Features & Attributes**

Mythic Black Velvet Jewel Alocasia's attractive large textured heart-shaped leaves emerge forest green, turning black in color with distinctive white veins and tinges of grayish green 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.



*Mythic Black Velvet Jewel Alocasia foliage*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



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## Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Mythic Black Velvet Jewel Alocasia can be expected to grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. 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 prefers to grow in average to moist soil. 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 type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine. 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.



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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.