

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT MAKES THIS PLANT SO SPECIAL?

This is the very first plant that Roberta's offered for sale some 50 years ago. Everyone that we offer has the love and memory of our grandparents and parents. We hope your plants will live for decades too and provide your loved ones with a beautiful heart warming memory of you too that lives on forever.

WHAT TYPE OF CONTAINER(S) IS BEST?

In the water stage, try to find a clear glass container that will accommodate the girth of the log. The clear glass allows more photosynthesis. Add only 3 inches of water changing 1-2 times a week. When transplanting to soil you should use a six to eight inch pot for the first year. Move up once a year only if desired. The bigger the pot the bigger they will grow.

HOW DOES THIS PIECE OF "WOOD" GROW?

Both ends of the log is sealed in wax to prevent dehydration of its center. With a dull butter knife, scrape the wax off of the red end only. Leave the green end alone. Place in container of water. Add only 3 inches of water changing 1-2 times a week. After it has been in water for 6 to 8 weeks the log has been activated so to speak. Now it is ready to be planted into soil where the roots will grow and leaves will sprout.

CAN THEY BE GROWN INSIDE YEAR ROUND?

Yes. They like low indirect light. You may place outside in summer but is not necessary. Bear in mind they do like some artificial light nearby or some natural indirect light to properly grow. If too dark, the leaves will become limp and pale green. Too much direct sun and the leaves will burn.

IS THERE ANY GOOD PEST PREVENTION?

Year round houseplants are notorious for spider mites that are not seen with the naked eye easily. Monthly misting with a solution of soapy water will insure glossy pest free leaves. Mix one half teaspoon of standard liquid dish soap in quart spray bottle of water, shake, and mist the plant profusely on both sides of leaves. This will suffocate any small pests.

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

When your plant arrives from Roberta's, remove from the shipping box immediately.

Keep wax on red end until ready to place into container of water. Put in a warm, protected area and plant as soon as possible.

When ready to plant, do the job as early in the day as possible to avoid extreme soil temperatures that prevent proper water uptake from the roots. Water them in well and whisper a few words of wisdom.

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Roberta's will replace it with a similar or comparable plant at no charge. If your replacement is not available or it is too late in the season to ship, it will ship the following year.

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Plant Hardiness Zone Map



ROBERTA'S GARDENS
PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Oriental Totem Pole
(Dracaena)



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QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Partial Sun or Shade
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	10-11
PLANT TYPE	Annual
PLANTING DISTANCE:	6-8 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	16-20 inches in 1st year 20/30 inches in 2nd year
BLOOM TIME:	N/A
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS: (soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)	Scrape wax from bottom (red) place in water. Plant in a 6" pot after 6-8 weeks.

PLANTING GUIDE

1
STEP

Use a dull butter knife to scrape the thin layer of wax off of the red end only. Do not scrape the green end.

2
STEP

Place upright in vase or container with the green end on top. Add 3 inches of water.

3
STEP

Change water once or twice a week for 6 – 8 weeks.

4
STEP

After 6 to 8 weeks, move into soil whether it has any signs of growth or not. The pole has been activated and will grow roots and leaves after being transplanted. Plant individually three to four inches deep into 6 inch pots using regular potting mix. Pack in soil firmly as this promotes root growth. Water thoroughly immediately and once a week thereafter.

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NATURE ATTRACTION

Symbolizing longevity, wealth, and prosperity in the Oriental culture of Feng Shui, it grows gradually from a giant cutting approximately 3 inches in diameter by 12 inches tall. Leaves form gradually from the onset.

KEY TIPS

In water they prefer a clear container. Add only 3 inches of water changing 1 to 2 times a week. After 6 to 8 weeks move into soil whether it has any signs of growth or not. The pole has been activated and will grow roots and leaves after being transplanted.

SHELF LIFE

Plant into water immediately.

DETERMINING THE BOTTOM

The bottom end is the red end. The top end is the green end. Scrape the wax off of the red end only using a dull butter knife.

PLANT PREPARATION

Scrape the wax off of the red end only using a dull butter knife. Leave the wax on the green end intact.

POTTED PLANTS

After 6 to 8 weeks, move into soil whether it has any signs of growth or not. The pole has been activated and will grow roots and leaves after being transplanted. Pack in soil firmly covering. This promotes root growth. Start with a 6 inch pot and move up once a year if desired. The bigger the pot the bigger they grow.

SOIL

They like bagged potting mixes for houseplants that will drain well. Most garden centers carry various brand names with perlite, vermiculite, soil and sand.

SPROUTS

After being transplanted into soil, they should sprout soon after.

GARDEN PREPARATION

They prefer to be planted in pots.

WATER

Water once or twice a week.

DRAINAGE

Water the plants thoroughly letting the excess water drain through the bottom of the pot leaving nothing inside the drip dish below the pot.

FERTILIZER

For best results, use a high acid fertilizer once or twice a month like Roberta's Bounty.

LIGHTING

They like partial sun or shade.

TEMPERATURE ZONE 10 to 11

These are hardy down to about 45 degrees Fahrenheit. If you live where it rarely freezes they may remain outside year round.

WINTER DORMANCY

These never go dormant.

GROOMING

Cut away and remove any leaves as they wither or turn brown. This grooming is completely normal and will take place as the plant grows. New leaves and stems appear as the old ones are pruned away.

PROPAGATING

These plants should be left untouched.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Oriental Totem Pole Shipped As Shown



Sprouts After Transplanted into Soil



Growth Stages Up To 1 Year Old



Established 2 Year Old Plant