

Fittonia

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Phyto (Fittonia) is representative of the family Strashnikov (acanthine). It is tiny - only include two types of perennial herbaceous plants covering the soil in tropical forests of Peru and Colombia. Hallmark of fitoniite is fascinating network of bright streaks seemed drawn to cover the leaves.

Phyto is a very beautiful pot plant, unfortunately, little known in this country. The main reason for this is that it is very capricious beauty. I'll explain it, knowing that it comes from the tropical forests of Peru and Brazil, where it enjoys a high air humidity and constant warmth.

The advantages of these plants are that throughout the year leaves are fresh with original streaky conductive vessels. Our market now are the types of *F. verschaffeltii* an oval-elliptic leaves, 8-10 cm long. They look very delicate because they are beautiful pink streaks. By *F. argyoneura* - with silver nervatura has two forms - and *edrolistna drebnolistna*. In the second form the leaves are only 1-1,5 cm long. High prices type *F. pearcei*, where *nervaturata* is red.

Are about 15 known species. The most popular are:

Fittonia albivenis

Fittonia argyoneura

Fittonia argyoneura nana

Fittonia verschaffeltii

Fittonia verschaffeltii pearcei

Caprices are many, but easy to remember, not forgetting the origin of plants. Remember that phyto *kashtovnitza* is great - she likes to letuva away from home! Select one bright spot it, but indirect sunshine. If the lighting is strong, rather surprising to find that the plants have died.

Phyto giant can reach a height of 60 cm violet On twigs are densely arranged large leaves up to 16 centimeters, or mottled with red streaks *yarkorozovi*.

Phyto *Vershafeltii* has smaller leaves, densely branched stalks are pressed tightly to the soil. Both bloom with yellow flowers nondescript collected spica, but they are decorative without meaning.

In his homeland fitoniite grow under scattered shade of tropical forest, which is why our country should be kept in bright but not sunny place. However, if the light does not reach, the plants lose their basic decoration - the brightness of the streak. Their requirements for high air humidity are high, so the best plant growing in a large company or on the court with wet moss. Of course, regular spraying of tender leaves are also desirable. To show the whole beauty of the leaves, you must receive enough heat - in winter the temperature should not fall pod18-20 degrees. Watering should be used stayed warm water (at least at room temperature). Throughout the year, irrigation is equally - if *prosahvaneto* topsoil.

Care:

Temperature: Average temperature at least 15 degrees in winter.

Light: Select a location with partial shade. Avoid sunlight.

Water: From spring to autumn is watered thoroughly and often during the winter. Use tap water.

Humidity: The air must be vlazhen. Obgradete pot with wet moss and spray leaves frequently.

Replanting: replanting each year in the spring.

An ideal place for Fittonia verschaffeltii's west window. If the weather is very hot, you need Water 3 times a week. When you notice that the leaves begin to wilt as soon as the flight.

Generation

Phyto relatively easily reproduced by rooting of cuttings. They must be at least two or three leaves. You can install them prior to a court with water, but the best is rooted in three straight cutting in a pot, which will be grown. Since the roots are weak, it is desirable to flowerpots are shallow and wide. Compose soil mixture of equal parts chimovka, leaflet, sand and well-decayed manure.

Tips:

Sudden death in the winter: The reason is the low temperature or excessive humidity of the soil. **Withered leaves:** The air is too dry or too much enters the room light. **Feathery plant:** This condition is normal for such phyto creeper. You can trimmed stems in spring.

Yellow, withered leaves: The cause is prepolivane.

Light: Likes shade but not blackout.

Water: It needs moderate watering in all seasons.

Feeding: It is unnecessary, but care must be taken not to submit calcium.