

# Dave's Tips

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## Calathea 'Jester'™

### APPLICATIONS

- Interiorscape areas that have higher light levels.
- Exteriorscape areas that have access to shade and irrigation.

### GROWING

- **Conditions** - Will grow in Spathiphyllum condition to as high as Dieffenbachia (low to hi) for production.
- **Soil** - Well drained mix (not soggy). pH is best at 5.8 to 6.2
- **Fertilizer** - 9-3-6 ratios with a minor element package high in magnesium. Keep the rates moderate, NOT high.

• **Water** - Keep uniformly moist. If the soil dries out too much, you run the risk of "burnt" edges or tips - a little bit sensitive to salt build ups in the soil.

• **Light Intensity** - Higher light results in more compact, fuller plants and more coloration.

• **Pests** - Spider mites. It is important to maintain a preventative program. Caterpillars and snails are two items to watch for as they might occasionally present themselves.

• **Propagated from Bare Root Plantlets** - 6-8 weeks to root and sprout. Plants grow

Fast growing tropical blooms in green and white, with burgundy underside of leaf. Recommended for 4, 6, 8 and 10" pots. Hardy to Zone 10.

with new foliage to about 12" OA 12-14 weeks after planting. As plants are rooted, sucker shoots will form and fill the pot.

#### • Finish Times -

B/R 6/8": 3 per 4" pot  
12-14 weeks finish time

B/R 8/10": 5 per 6" pot  
16-20 weeks finish time

B/R 10/12": 7 per 8" pot  
18-22 weeks finish time

B/R 12/14": 7 per 10" pot  
26-30 weeks finish time



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