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*Codiaeum variegatum 'Mother And Daughter'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 10a

#### Description:

A large woody perennial, perfect for large containers, indoors or out; interesting and unique multicolored foliage, from green to purple, spotted and flecked; smaller nodding leaves sprout from the larger leaf creating the looks of two separate pieces

#### Ornamental Features

Mother And Daughter Croton features dainty racemes of white star-shaped flowers from late winter to early spring. Its attractive glossy pointy leaves emerge green in spring, turning purple in colour with showy red variegation and tinges of yellow the rest of the year.

#### Landscape Attributes

Mother And Daughter Croton is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Mother And Daughter Croton is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Container Planting



*Mother And Daughter Croton*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



*Mother And Daughter Croton flowers*  
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### Planting & Growing

Mother And Daughter Croton will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.

Mother And Daughter Croton is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.