

# BRECK'S® Gifts

## A SPECIAL GIFT FOR YOU

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## ANTHURIUM

*Anthurium andraeanum*

Grown for their vividly colored blooms and shiny, dark green foliage, anthuriums have long been associated with the tropical beauty of Hawaii, though they are not actually native to the islands. With their bright red flower spathes and fleshy spikes of buttery yellow, they make ideal ornamental houseplants that add an exotic touch to any room.

Easy to grow and durable, with proper care you may enjoy beautiful, long-lasting flowers all year long.

### PLACEMENT

Anthuriums thrive in bright, diffused sunlight and warm, not hot, temperatures during both day and night. Indoors, the best flower production occurs when they are placed in indirect sunlight about 5–8 feet from a window, away from drafts and heating ducts. Be sure to set the container on a protected surface to prevent water damage to furniture.

### WATER

Proper drainage and adequate water will ensure a healthy anthurium. Roots should be moist but never soggy. Adding a 1- to 2-inch layer of pebbles to the bottom of the pot is helpful. Let the soil, not the plant, dry out between waterings. Because anthuriums require a slightly higher level of humidity to thrive, a weekly misting is beneficial to the flowers and foliage. To ensure a healthy plant, a monthly application of fertilizer is recommended.

### REPOTTING

Keep your plant happy and healthy by repotting it early in the year when new roots start to grow. As anthuriums grow, they produce roots higher up on the stems, raising the entire plant above the rim of the pot. To repot, simply pack a layer of moss or peat around the bare stems and keep moistened. The new roots will penetrate the packing material and begin to grow there. You may then cut the plant stem level with the rim of the pot and transfer your anthurium to another pot. For best results, use a 6- to 7-inch pot filled halfway with pebbles and a well-aerated, organic potting mixture.

### TRANSPLANTING

Tropical in nature, anthuriums are typically grown as houseplants in cooler regions and as landscaping plants only in zones 10 or higher. When transplanting outdoors, be sure to choose a well-drained location with bright, diffused sunlight. Allow the soil to dry out between waterings and fertilize lightly every 3–4 months. With proper care, your anthurium will produce plenty of gorgeous, long-lived flowers and is sure to be an eye-catching addition to your home or garden.

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