

## **Alocasia Cucullata**

Feng Shui, Literally translated as "wind" and "water", is the ancient Chinese art and science of placement. Where balanced energies flow smoothly, harmony and good fortune follows. Buddha'Hand is the essence of energy flowing upward towards the Heavens. In Chinese folklore the heart shape leaves on long elegant stems signify Buddha'hand reaching up into the Heavens. Indoors or outdoors.

This tropical plant is a cultivar of the Alocasia group of plants, or elephant ear plants, known for their large leaves. Alocasia cucullata is one of the smaller varieties, making it an excellent choice for either outdoor planting or for container growth. This hardy, evergreen plant can even be grown as a houseplant.

### **Step 1**

Place your Alocasia cucullata in the proper location. Only grow this plant outdoors in the ground if you live in United States Department of Agriculture growing zones 8b through 11, as recommended by the University of Florida. In other locations, the plant can be grown in a container and brought indoors when cool weather arrives or grown entirely indoors.

### **Step 2**

Place the plant where it will be exposed to some sun and some shade. Morning sun followed by afternoon shade is best as the bright afternoon sunlight can fade the variegation on the plant's leaves.

### **Step 3**

Keep the soil moist and do not let this plant dry out. Alocasia cucullata thrives in moist, cool soil and cannot tolerate drought conditions, according to the University of Florida.

### **Step 4**

Protect outdoor plants from wind damage. There are no major insect pests or diseases that bother this hardy plant. Keep the temperatures consistently warm as freezing weather will kill this plant.

Read more: [How to Care for Alocasia Cucullata | Garden Guides](http://www.gardenguides.com/109757-care-alocasia-cucullata.html#ixzz0sWyHd4u8)

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