

Waffle Plant

A waffle plant (*Hemigraphis alternata* or *Strobilanthes alternata*), also commonly known as a purple waffle plant, has vibrant green leaves with rich purple undersides and a rumpled and puckered texture reminiscent of a Belgian waffle. Originally from Java, this tropical plant's other popular names include cemetery plant, red ivy, metal leaf plant, and red flame ivy.

Waffle plants' small surface area suits them to being common indoor plants. Low-maintenance and attractive year-round, they grow just as well indoors in hanging baskets and [terrariums](#) as they do outside in partial shade. Waffle plants can grow outside and provide excellent ground cover for other new growths in your garden. One clear benefit to growing them indoors, however, is that you're more in control of their climatic conditions. This comes in handy if you live in a [hardiness zone](#) that's a little less humid or more chilly than they're used to naturally.

Red ivy plant care requires that the plant get bright, but indirect light, meaning direct sunlight should not reach the foliage. When growing waffle plants in direct sun, much of the foliage color washes out and leaf tips can burn. Keep growing waffle plants away from drafts as well.



Waffle plant info says growing waffle plants need evenly moist soil. Consistent watering of well-drained soil promotes the growth and well-being of the waffle plant. However, do not allow the roots of the plant to remain in soggy soil.