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# Aechmea

*Aechmea gamosepala*

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This description is for **Aechmea (Aechmea gamosepala)**:

The matchstick plant seems a curious name, but one look at *aechmea gamosepala* and it is not hard to understand why. Its foliage comprises broad, strap-shaped light green leaves that grow in a dense rosette, creating a cup or urn in their heart. What makes the matchstick plant special is its floral display, with long, thick stems producing lance-shaped panicles of tiny blue blossoms. These blossoms emerge from slender purple or pink bracts, and in effect, they appear like blue-headed matchsticks. The matchstick plant thrives in warm, humid climates but is a popular indoor plant elsewhere. Grow in pots in organic-rich, moist but well-drained soil in bright filtered light.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> no	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z11	<b>Standard category</b> Exotic, house plants & other House plants
<b>Height [m]</b> 0.5	<b>Heat zone</b> H12-1	<b>Grown for</b> Attractive Flowers
<b>Spread [m]</b> 0.6	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> 4	<b>Creative category</b> Kid Approved For Beginners Colours
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Mixed colours	<b>Heat days</b> 0 - 210	<b>Garden type</b> Indoor or winter garden

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<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained but frequently watered	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Early summer Mid summer Late summer		<b>Time to reach full size</b> 2 to 5 years
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Green		
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Green		
<b>Foliage in Autumn</b> Green		
<b>Foliage in winter</b> Green		
<b>Propagation methods</b> seed offsets		
<b>Growth habit</b> Rosette		