



Making Cuttings



~ From Janet Schulz ~

Rejuvenate your overgrown plants such as geraniums, coleus, plectranthus, or any other tropical you wish to save. Leave at least 1 leaf on each stem of the plant, cutting off all the rest. You should trim the roots and re-pot that plant as well as save cuttings from it.

After trimming your plant, make cuttings using the stems that you removed. You might be able to get multiple cuttings from on stem if it is very long. Make each cutting 3-4 inches long. It must contain at least one leaf and 1 node or 2 nodes. If the leaves on the cutting are quite large cut those leaves in half. Allow geranium cuttings to form a callus before planting.

Fill a small 3-inch pot for one cutting, or a larger pot for multiple cuttings of the same plant. I sometimes put 4 cuttings to a 6-inch pot. Make sure you use good potting soil. Wet the soil and then make a hole (or holes) using a pencil then insert your cuttings. Water well. It is not necessary to use rooting hormone, but it's helpful if you have it.

Place in a sunny window or under lights and soon you will see new growth. Do not fertilize until March.

