



Why Prune Crotons?

- **Shape and Size Control:**

Crotons can become leggy or overgrown, so pruning helps maintain their desired shape and size.

- **Remove Unhealthy Parts:**

Prune away dead, damaged, or diseased leaves and branches to promote healthy growth.

- **Encourage Bushier Growth:**

Pruning can encourage new growth from the sides, resulting in a fuller, bushier plant.

When to Prune Crotons:

- **Early Spring:**

The best time to prune crotons is in early spring, before new growth begins.

- **Throughout the Growing Season:**

You can prune crotons throughout the growing season as needed to maintain shape or remove unhealthy parts.

How to Prune Crotons:

- **Cut Above a Node:**

When pruning, always cut just above a node (the point where a leaf or branch emerges) to encourage new growth from that point.

To encourage bushier growth, you can tip-prune (cut back the growing tips) of each stem.

- **Hard Pruning:**

If a croton plant becomes very leggy, you can prune it back hard in the early spring, but be sure not to remove more than a third of the plant.

- **Balance and Shape:**

For a balanced look, reduce the height of top-heavy branches by one-third, and repeat the process as needed to achieve desired proportions.

