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**Plant Feature: Dracaena Goldstar**



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Bring bright, attention-grabbing impact to interiors with **Dracaena Goldstar**, also known as Dracaena Rikki, a resilient, design-forward plant prized for its bold variegation, upright cane form, and exceptional reliability. With its starburst patterning and clean silhouette, Goldstar delivers high visual contrast while remaining one of the easiest plants to maintain—perfect for modern commercial and residential spaces.

### Why you'll love it:

-  **Upright, Cane-Form Architecture with Clean Lines:** Dracaena Goldstar grows on sturdy canes topped with symmetrical rosettes of arching leaves. Its naturally vertical habit creates a strong, uncluttered profile that works beautifully in contemporary interiors, corridors, and open-plan spaces. Its form reads crisp and intentional without feeling rigid.
-  **Striking Starburst Variegation:** Goldstar is known for its vivid foliage—deep green leaves accented with a bright yellow to chartreuse center stripe that radiates outward like a star. This contrast adds light and energy to interiors, especially in spaces that need visual lift without adding clutter. Higher light keeps variegation sharp and well-defined; lower light softens contrast but maintains overall health.
-  **Balanced Growth with Excellent Stability:** Compared to some softer dracaena varieties, Goldstar holds its shape well. Stems remain upright and balanced, making it ideal for long-term installations. If height management is needed, it responds well to cutting back, with new growth emerging cleanly from the cane.
-  **Light-Responsive Performance & Longevity:** Goldstar adapts across a range of interior light levels, but structure and color improve with brighter conditions.
  - **High bright indirect light:** Stronger canes, tighter leaf rosettes, and more vivid variegation
  - **Medium light:** Slightly slower growth, still stable and attractive
  - **Low light:** Tolerated, but growth slows and color contrast softens
-  **Low water needs:** Like most dracaenas, Goldstar prefers to dry down between waterings. Allow the top portion of soil to dry before watering again. Overwatering is the most common issue; its cane structure and tough leaves help it tolerate occasional missed waterings with ease.
-  **Excellent Container Performance:** Goldstar has a compact, non-invasive root system and performs exceptionally well in containers. It does not require frequent repotting and can remain healthy and visually consistent for years in the same pot—ideal for commercial interiors.
-  **Size:** Typical indoor height: **4–7 feet**. We sell a variety of pot sizes with differing cane counts, as shown below:

**2-gallon:** 3 canes

**3-gallon:** 4 canes

**5-gallon:** 5 canes

**Additional Names:** Dracaena Rikki, Dracaena fragrans 'Gold Star', Goldstar Dracaena, Striped Dracaena

**Perfect for:** Modern offices, healthcare environments, hospitality spaces, residential interiors, lobbies, conference rooms, and long corridors—anywhere a bright, upright plant with minimal maintenance is needed.

**Additional Information:** Dracaena Goldstar is valued for its durability and consistency in interior environments. It tolerates dry air better than many tropical plants. Primary pest concerns include spider mites and mealybugs, particularly in very dry conditions. Regular inspection and occasional leaf cleaning help prevent issues and keep foliage looking sharp.

**Grower's tip:**

- Let soil dry between waterings
- Brighter light = stronger canes and better color
- Very forgiving if watering is occasionally missed
- Does not require frequent repotting
- Can be cut back to control height or refresh form

**Pairs well with:**

Broader-leaf plants like Aglaonema, Philodendron, Dieffenbachia, and lower growers such as Pothos or Spider Plants, which nicely complement Goldstar's upright form and highlight its bold striping.

**Key characteristics:**

Attribute	Profile
Light	 Low
Water	 Low
Pest Resistance	 Average
Growth Habit	 4-7 feet
Popularity	 Popular