

Common Sense African Violet Judging Guide for Point Scoring by Kenneth Barbi, Master AVSA Judge

Have you ever wondered how AVSA judges can walk into a show and pick the winners so easily? Well, it takes skill and years of training - - and a good measure of **common sense!**

Plant Size:

Standard plants must be greater than 8 inches in diameter (if less deduct **up to 3 points**).

Semiminiature plants must be 8 inches or less in diameter (if greater they are **eliminated from consideration**). Pot ratio does not apply.

Miniature plants must be 6 inches or less in diameter (if greater they are **eliminated from consideration**). Pot ratio does not apply.

Trailers (under form) must have 3 crowns with at least 1 crown blooming (if only 2 crowns deduct **11 points**; if only 1 crown deduct **22 points**).

Standard, Miniature, and Semiminiature Plants

Symmetry:

Deduct **up to 3 points** for each instance of:

Gaps or spaces between the leaves or rows of leaves

Breaks in the symmetry of the leaf pattern

Uneven distribution of foliage

Condition (Cultural Perfection or Grooming):

Spent blossom **½ point** per blossom

Limp, damage, marred, discolored or faded blossoms deduct **up to ½ point** for each

Marred, broken, dead, etc; petiole and peduncle stubs, suckers not completely removed, smaller leaves, dust, soil or traces of spray deduct **up to 1 point**

Over or under potted, long neck, plant not centered or standard plants less than 8 inches deduct **up to 3 points**. If miniature and semiminiature plants are more than 6 inches or 8 inches respectively, they are **eliminated from consideration**).

Suckers if present causes the plant to be **eliminated from consideration**

Quantity of Bloom:

Blossom count too low deduct **proportional** amount of points - - if plant should have 30 blossoms and only has 15, **deduct 12 ½ points out of 25**.

Size and type of bloom:

Deduct **up to 5 points** for lack of size according to variety

Deduct **½ point** for each type of blossom not constant or true to variety

Color of bloom:

Deduct **up to 10 points** for wrong hue or value

Deduct **½ point** for each solid color instead of multicolor blossom

Deduct **10 points** if blossom color is completely different

Trailers

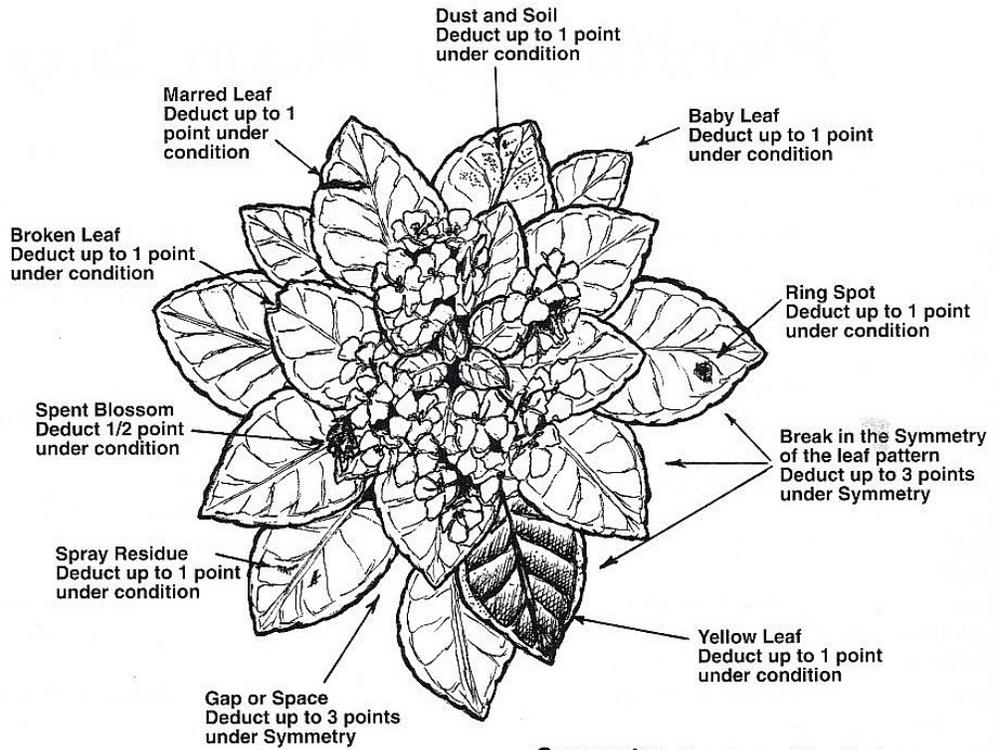
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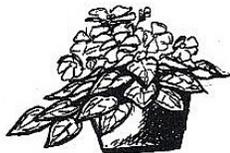
Blossoms not on every crown **deduct a reasonable number of points such as: if one crown has no blossoms and the blossom point score is 25 points, take 8 points off**. Blossoms not evenly distributed on all 3 main crowns, **deduct a reasonable number of points**.

JUDGING THE SHOW PLANT

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Symmetry - the shape of the plant
Condition - cultural aspect of the
plant at the time it is judged



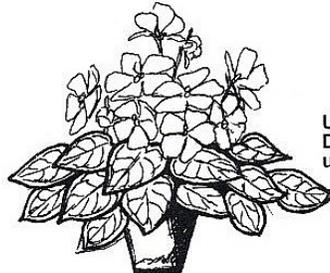
Plant not centered in pot
Deduct up to 3 points
under condition



Neck
Deduct up to
3 points
under condition



Over potted
Deduct up to 3 points
under condition



Under potted
Deduct up to 3 points
under condition