

## **Cyperus involucratus 'Baby Tut'**

It has Baby in its name but *Cyperus involucratus* 'Baby Tut' is not a teeny tiny plant not even a short one. It is not as tall as some *Cyperus* but at 18-24 inches it stands on its own, individually or with other plants, and is a rapid grower. It is one of Proven Winner's 'graceful grasses.'



***Cyperus involucratus* 'Baby Tut' as the marginal plant in a  
Container water garden with *Nymphaea* 'Helvola.'**



**'Baby Tut' prefers a moist/wet growing environment, making it water-garden friendly but the growing crown should be kept above the water line. It can also be planted in the landscape or in mixed containers. If grown in the later, keep consistently moist until well established. It likes full to part sun. Triangular stems grow from a woody rhizome and support umbrella rosettes called bracts. Flowerets sprout from the center of the bracts.**



**Newly purchased 'Baby Tut' in a six-inch container**



**I use 'Baby Tut' as the marginal plant in container water gardens. When I buy 'Baby Tut' in a four-inch pot, I upsize to a one-gallon grower's pot. If I buy a more mature plant in a six-inch pot, I turn it into two plants by cutting in half. I plant each half in its own's one-gallon grower's pot. I use good top soil as the planting medium, fertilize when repotting and feed one or two more times during the growing season. 'Baby Tut' is considered an annual plant, hardy in growing zones 9-10 but it can be overwintered indoors in a bright location sitting in a saucer of water.**



**Two 'Baby Tuts' from one**

**The baby Cyperus is native to Madagascar. In frost-free climates, 'Baby Tut' is almost considered weedy or invasive. Presumably, the name refers to the young Egyptian king who was Pharaoh from 1332- 1323 BC.**