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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



Baby Toes

(Fenestraria spp.)

Baby Toes, scientifically known as Fenestraria spp., are distinctive succulents with small, finger-like leaves that resemble plump, translucent toes. These unique plants are adapted to arid conditions, and their translucent leaves allow them to maximize sunlight absorption while minimizing water loss.



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Origin: South Africa, specifically the arid regions of the Northern and Western Cape.

Care Level & Placement: Moderate care, Indoor & Outdoor Plant depending on the climate.



Light

Baby Toes thrive in bright, indirect sunlight. While they can tolerate some direct sunlight, it's best to provide them with filtered or partially shaded light to prevent leaf scorch.



Water

These succulents require infrequent but deep watering. Allow the soil to dry out completely between waterings to prevent root rot. During the growing season (spring and summer), water sparingly, and reduce watering in the dormant winter months.



Soil

Plant Baby Toes in a well-draining cactus or succulent mix. You can enhance drainage by adding sand or perlite to the soil. Ensure the pot has adequate drainage holes.



Fun fact

The name "Fenestraria" comes from the Latin word "fenestra," which means window, referring to the translucent window-like tips of the leaves



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Pet Friendliness

Baby Toes are generally non-toxic to pets. However, it's best to discourage pets from chewing on any houseplants.



Stress Signs

Wrinkled or Shriveled Leaves: When Baby Toes are underwatered or exposed to prolonged drought, their leaves may appear wrinkled or shriveled. This is a clear sign that the plant is experiencing stress due to insufficient moisture. To remedy this, water the plant thoroughly and adjust your watering schedule.

Yellowing or Translucent Leaves: If the leaves turn yellow or become overly translucent, it could indicate excessive sunlight or sunburn. Move the plant to a slightly shadier location to protect it from intense sunlight.

Leggy Growth: When Baby Toes receive inadequate light, they may stretch or become leggy as they reach for more sunlight. To address this, provide brighter, indirect light to encourage compact and healthy growth. Prune leggy stems to promote bushier growth.



Botanical Family: Aizoaceae

Botanical Name: Fenestraria spp.

Common Name: Baby Toes, Window Plant, Living Stones



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