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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants

Bunny Ears Cactus



Category

🌿 Tropical

Family

🌿 Apocynaceae

Common Name

🌵 Black-Spine Prickly Pear
🌵 Prickly Pear Cactus

Vairty of colour



Description

🌵 Bunny Ears Cactus (*Opuntia microdasys*) is a popular cactus native to Mexico. It has flat oval pads that grow in pairs and look like bunny ears. Instead of large spines, it has tiny yellow or white glochids (hair-like spines) covering the pads.



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Watering

💧 **Water only when the soil is dry.**

- Summer: Once every 7–10 days
- Winter: Once every 15–20 days
- Avoid overwatering

Temperature

🌡️ **Best Temperature**

- 18°C to 28°C

Can Tolerate

- 10°C to 35°C

Protect from frost and freezing temperatures.

Sunlight

☀️ **Loves bright light.**

Ideal Light

- 3-5 hours of morning sunlight
- Bright indirect light indoors

Fertilizer

🌱 **Feed once every month during spring and summer.**

Recommended Fertilizers

- Succulent Fertilizer
- NPK 19:19:19 Liquid Fertilizer

Soil

🌿 **Requires very well-draining succulent soil.**

Simple Soil Mix

- 40% River Sand or Perlite
- 40% Garden Soil
- 20% Cocopeat or Compost



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Humidity

☁️ Prefers low humidity.

Ideal Humidity

• 30%–50%

Reproduction

🌱 Very easy to propagate through stem cuttings, division, and leaf cuttings.

Stem Cutting Method (Best Method)

1. Cut a healthy stem 8–10 cm long.
2. Let the cut end dry for 1 day.
3. Plant it in well-draining succulent soil.

Benefits

🌱 Easy to propagate through leaves, offsets, and seeds.

Leaf Propagation

1. Gently remove a healthy leaf.
2. Allow it to dry for 1–2 days.

Difficulty Level: Easy 🌱

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