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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants

Gasteria carinata



Category

🌿 Tropical

Family

🌿 Apocynaceae

Common Name

🌿 Gasteria Carinata
🌿 Keeled Gasteria

Vairty of colour



Description

🌿 Gasteria carinata is a slow-growing succulent native to South Africa. It has thick, fleshy, dark green leaves covered with white spots and bands. The leaves are arranged in opposite pairs when young and later form attractive rosettes. Mature plants produce arching flower stalks with tubular pink and green flowers during spring and summer.



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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

 Easy to propagate through offsets, leaf cuttings, and seeds.

Offset Method

1. Remove baby plants growing around the base.
2. Let the cut area dry for 1–2 days.
3. Plant in fresh succulent soil.

Benefits

Attractive spotted leaves

-  Compact and slow-growing
-  Drought tolerant

Difficulty Level: Easy

-  Homes with sunny balconies
-  Outdoor gardens
-  Large decorative pots
-  Succulent collections
-  Commercial landscapes

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