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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants

Houseleek Plant Care



Category

🌿 Succulent Plant

Family

🌿 Apocynaceae

Common Name

🌿 Houseleek
🌿 Hen and Chicks

Vairty of colour



Description

🌿 Houseleek (*Sempervivum tectorum*) is a hardy, rosette-forming succulent native to Europe. It produces compact clusters of fleshy leaves arranged like flowers. Mature plants create many offsets, called "chicks," around the mother plant ("hen"), giving rise to the common name Hen and Chicks. During summer, mature plants produce tall stalks with pink or reddish star-shaped flowers.



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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 offsets and seeds.

Offset Method

1. Separate baby plants (chicks) from the mother plant.
2. Plant them directly in succulent soil.
3. Water lightly.

Benefits

Attractive spotted leaves

✓ Compact and slow-growing

✓ Drought tolerant

Difficulty Level: Easy 🌱

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