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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



Living Stones

(Lithops spp.)

Living Stones, or Lithops, are unique succulents that mimic the appearance of stones or pebbles, making them masters of camouflage. These small and fascinating plants are native to South Africa and are known for their distinct appearance.



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Origin: South Africa

Care Level & Placement: Moderate Care, Indoor (Requires bright light, can also be grown outdoors in warm climates)



Light

Living Stones thrive in bright, indirect sunlight. Place them near a sunny window, providing filtered light to prevent scorching.



Water

Water sparingly, allowing the soil to dry out completely between waterings. Living Stones are adapted to arid conditions and prefer low humidity.



Soil

Plant Lithops in well-draining cactus or succulent soil. Fertilization is not typically required.



Fun fact

Living Stones have evolved their stone-like appearance as a survival strategy to avoid being eaten by herbivores in their native habitat.



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Pet Friendliness

Lithops are generally non-toxic to pets, but it's best to keep them out of reach to avoid accidental ingestion.



Stress Signs

Wrinkled Appearance: When Lithops start to appear wrinkled, it's a sign of dehydration. Increase watering, but do so sparingly to avoid overwatering.

Splitting or Cracking: Living Stones go through a natural splitting process as they grow new leaves. However, if you notice excessive splitting or cracking, it may be due to overwatering or inadequate light.

Fading Color: If the vibrant color of your Lithops begins to fade, it could indicate insufficient sunlight. Move the plant to a brighter location to restore its color and health.

Botanical Family: Aizoaceae

Botanical Name: Lithops spp.

Common Name: Living Stone, Stone Plant, Pebble Plan



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