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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants

Mistletoe Cactus



Category

🌿 Succulent Plant

Family

🌿 Apocynaceae

Common Name

🌿 Mistletoe Cactus
🌿 Spaghetti Cactus

Vairty of colour



Description

🌿 Mistletoe Cactus (*Rhipsalis baccifera*) is an unusual epiphytic cactus native to tropical forests of Central and South America, Africa, and Madagascar. Unlike desert cacti, it grows naturally on trees and rocks. It has long, thin, green stems that hang gracefully, making it ideal for hanging baskets.



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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.

Stem Cutting Method

1. Cut a healthy stem 10–15 cm long.
2. Let the cut end dry for one day.
3. Plant in moist, well-draining soil.

Benefits

Attractive spotted leaves

✓ Compact and slow-growing

✓ Drought tolerant

Difficulty Level: Easy 🌱

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