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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants

African Milk Tree



Category

🌵 Succulent

Family

🌿 Euphorbiaceae

Common Name

🌵 African Milk Tree

🌵 Friendship Cactus

Vairty of colour



Description

African Milk Tree is a popular succulent with tall, upright green stems and small leaves along the edges. It looks similar to a cactus but belongs to the Euphorbia family. It is commonly grown as an indoor ornamental plant because of its unique shape and easy care requirements.



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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 30°C

Can tolerate:

- 10°C to 38°C

Protect from frost and cold winds.

Sunlight

☀️ **Prefers bright light.**

- 4–6 hours of morning sunlight is ideal
- Bright indirect light indoors
- Can tolerate some direct sunlight

Fertilizer

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

Recommended:

- NPK 19:19:19 liquid fertilizer
- Succulent fertilizer
- Vermicompost (small amount)

Soil

🌿 **Needs well-draining soil.**

Simple Soil Mix

- 40% Garden Soil
- 30% River Sand
- 30% Cocopeat or Compost

A cactus or succulent mix is ideal.



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Humidity

 Prefers low to moderate humidity.

- Ideal humidity: 30%–60%
- Good air circulation is beneficial

Reproduction

 Easy to propagate from stem cuttings.

Stem Cutting Method

1. Cut a healthy stem using clean tools.
2. Wear gloves to avoid contact with sap.
3. Allow the cutting to dry for 3–7 days.
4. Plant in dry succulent soil.

Benefits

- ✓ Low maintenance
- ✓ Drought tolerant
- ✓ Unique architectural shape
- ✓ Excellent indoor plant
- ✓ Suitable for offices and homes

Difficulty Level: Easy

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