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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants

Kebab Bush



Category

🌿 Succulent Plant

Family

🌿 Apocynaceae

Common Name

🌿 Kebab Bush
🌿 Spekboom

Vairty of colour



Description

🌿 Kebab Bush (*Portulacaria afra*) is a fast-growing succulent shrub native to South Africa. It has small, round, fleshy green leaves and reddish stems. In nature, it can grow up to 3–5 meters tall, while in pots it remains compact and is often used as a bonsai plant. Mature plants may produce small pink flowers under ideal conditions.



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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. Allow the cut end to dry for 1–2 days.
3. Plant in dry succulent soil.

Benefits

Attractive spotted leaves

- ✓ Compact and slow-growing
- ✓ Drought tolerant

Difficulty Level: Easy 🌱

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