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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants

Oreja de Burro



Category

🌿 Succulent Plant

Family

🌿 Apocynaceae

Common Name

🌿 Oreja de Burro
🌿 Donkey Ear Plant

Vairty of colour



Description

🌿 Oreja de Burro (*Cotyledon orbiculata*) is a popular succulent native to South Africa. Its name means "Donkey's Ear" in Spanish because of its thick, rounded gray-green leaves with red edges that resemble donkey ears. Mature plants grow as shrubby succulents and produce clusters of orange, coral, or red bell-shaped flowers during late winter and spring.



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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, leaves, and seeds.

Stem Cutting Method

1. Cut a healthy stem 10–15 cm long.
2. Allow the cutting to dry for 2–3 days.
3. Plant in dry succulent soil.

Benefits

Attractive spotted leaves

- ✓ Compact and slow-growing
- ✓ Drought tolerant

Difficulty Level: Easy 🌱

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