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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants

smelly coleus



Category

🌿 Tropical

Family

🌿 Apocynaceae

Common Name

🌿 Smelly Coleus
🌿 Indian Borage

Vairty of colour



Description

🌿 Smelly Coleus (*Coleus amboinicus*) is a fast-growing aromatic herb native to Africa and widely grown in India. It has thick, soft, fuzzy green leaves with a strong oregano-like fragrance. The leaves are commonly used in home remedies for coughs, colds, sore throat, and digestion. Mature plants produce small lavender to pale purple flowers.



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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. Remove the lower leaves.
3. Plant the cutting in moist soil or place it in water.

Benefits

 Easy to propagate through leaves, offsets, and seeds.

Leaf Propagation

1. Gently remove a healthy leaf.
2. Allow it to dry for 1–2 days.

Difficulty Level: Easy 

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