

# PLANTING GUIDE FOR INDOOR CACTI

Cacti are known to thrive well in desert-like places in dry and hot conditions which make them wonderful indoor houseplants. They require minimum care and attention making them excellent housewarming gifts for many. What's more they come in interesting shapes and colors, too! The secret to healthy growing cacti is lots of sunlight, minimum water and well-drained soil.

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## Planting Procedure:

- A. Visit the local garden centres, home stores and local nurseries and purchase your favorite cacti.
- B. Choose a suitable pot for the cacti plants that has drainage holes in the bottom to allow excess water to drain out. Be sure to select a pot that's twice the size of the plant. As for the material, if the cacti are lightweight, plastic pots would be good enough. However, heavy plants would be best placed in clay pots for stability.
- C. Fill the pot with cactus-specific potting soil and add some rock pebbles or perlite.
- D. Plant the cacti in the soil by pushing it just deep enough so that it can stand on its own.
- E. Provide some moisture to the soil by misting it lightly when the soil feels dry.
- F. Place the cacti in a location that has bright but indirect sunlight.



## Caring for Cacti:

A. Once the cacti have settled in, it requires several hours of direct sunlight everyday. If the cacti's leaves turn yellow or orange, it means it's getting too much sun light and should be moved elsewhere.

B. Provide the cacti water every week during growing season.

C. Fertilize the cacti every week during growing season.

D. Promote air circulation for the cacti to thrive thru ceiling fans, opening the window so that the plants can breathe fresh air.

E. Adequate sun exposure on all sides. If only one side of the cacti gets sun exposure, they will experience uneven growth. To solve this problem, rotate the pot a quarter turn every month.

F. Change the pots annually. Choose a pot size larger than the current pot and fill it with cactus potting mix. Place the cacti in the new pot and firm the soil around the base with your hands.

G. Let the cacti enter dormancy in winter by reducing watering to once a month and moving them to cooler place.

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