Rhipsalis baccifera

# **MISTLETOE CACTUS**

### **REGION OF ORIGIN**

Central and South America



Mistletoe Cactus thrives in bright, indirect light. Place it near an east- or north-facing window where it can receive filtered sunlight. Avoid direct sunlight, as it can scorch its delicate, thin stems. While it adapts well to lower light conditions, insufficient light may slow its growth.



We recommend using a mixture of 1/3 Rooted Goods All-Purpose Potting Mix or Uncle Mike's Organic Potting Mix with 2/3 coarse garden sand, perlite, or small pre-rinsed gravel. Another excellent option is Espoma's Cactus soil.



### WATER

Mistletoe Cactus prefers consistently moist soil, but avoid overwatering. Water when the top 1 inch of soil feels dry, and ensure the pot has proper drainage. Always empty the saucer after watering to prevent root rot.



# **FERTILIZER**

We recommend using fertilizers like Espoma Organic Cactus Plant Food, Jack's All Purpose, or Organic Plant Magic. These options provide essential nutrients to keep your plants vibrant and thriving.



# TEMPERATURE

Mistletoe Cactus thrives in temperatures between 60-80°F (16-27°C). It prefers a warm, stable environment and should be kept away from cold drafts, air conditioners, or heaters. Avoid exposing it to temperatures below 50°F (10°C), as this can stress the plant and damage its delicate stems.



# ISSUES + FIXES

Watch out for mealy bugs, spider mites, and scale. Regularly inspect your plant for signs of infestation and treat promptly with natural or chemical remedies



# PRUNING & PROPAGATION

Take a 3-4 inch healthy stem cutting and allow the cut end to callus for 1-2 days to prevent rotting. Plant the cutting in moist, well-draining soil, such as a cactus or succulent mix, burying the cut end about an inch deep. Within 2-4 weeks, roots should form, and the cutting will establish itself.



# PET FRIENDLY?

Mistletoe Cactus is non-toxic to cats and dogs. It's a great choice for homes with furry friends, offering peace of mind alongside its beautiful, trailing growth.





