## Mahoney's

Schlumbergera spp., Zygocactus

# HOLIDAY CACTUS

**REGION OF ORIGIN** 

Rainforests of Brazil

### C LIGHT

Holiday Cactus thrives in bright, indirect light. Ideal placement is in a north or east-facing window with at least 6-8 hours of light a day, avoiding direct sunlight exposure. Can tolerate low light, but may not flower.



Feed with a balanced fertilizer or one slightly higher in phosphorus to promote blooming. Espoma Organic Bloom! Super Blossom Booster, Jack's Blossom Booster, or Organic Plant Magic are all great choices.

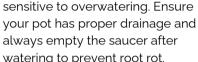


#### SOIL

Holiday Cactus prefers soil that is well drained. we recommend using a mixture of 2/3 Rooted Goods All-Purpose Potting Mix or Uncle Mike's Organic Potting Mix with 1/3 coarse garden sand, perlite, or small pre-rinsed gravel. Another great option is Espoma's Organic Cactus mix.

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Holiday cactus prefers temperatures between 60-70°F (16-21°C). It benefits from slightly cooler nights (around 55-60°F) to help trigger blooming. Avoid cold drafts and heat sources like radiators or vents.



WATER

watering to prevent root rot. Water less frequently in the cooler months or after blooming.

Water when the top 1-2 inches of

soil feel dry. Christmas Cactus

prefers evenly moist soil but is

### -SSUES + FIXES

Though generally lowmaintenance, Holiday Cactus may occasionally attract mealybugs or spider mites. If pests appear, treat promptly with natural or chemical remedies. Bud drop can occur if the plant is exposed to drafts, temperature swings, or moved while setting buds.



Holiday Cactus is easy to propagate through stem cuttings. Twist off a segment with 2–3 joined leaf sections, let it callous for a day or two, then plant it in moist soil or place in water. Roots usually form within 2–3 weeks.



Holiday Cactus is non-toxic to cats and dogs. Still, it's best to discourage chewing, as ingesting any plant material may cause mild digestive upset.

