

CHRISTMAS BERRY

REGION OF ORIGIN

East Asia, including Japan and Taiwan



LIGHT

Christmas Berry loves bright, indirect light, so placing it near a window with filtered sunlight is perfect. Too much direct sun can scorch its leaves, so if you're working with a sunny spot, you might want to use a sheer curtain to soften the light.



SOIL

For tropical plants, we recommend using Rooted Goods All-Purpose Potting Mix, Uncle Mike's Organic Potting Mix, or Espoma Organic Potting Mix. All three options are excellent choices for ensuring healthy growth and thriving plants.



WATER

Keep the soil consistently moist but not waterlogged. Water when the top inch of soil feels dry. Reduce watering during the plant's dormant period.



FERTILIZER

We recommend fertilizers like Espoma Organic Indoor! Houseplant Food, Jack's Houseplant Special, or Organic Plant Magic. These options provide essential nutrients to keep your plants vibrant and thriving.



TEMPERATURE

Maintain temperatures between 60°F and 80°F (15°C to 27°C). Avoid exposure to temperatures below 45°F (7°C) and protect from drafts.



ISSUES + FIXES

Susceptible to pests like spider mites and mealybugs. Regularly inspect the plant and treat infestations promptly with natural or chemical remedies.

Overwatering can lead to root rot; ensure proper drainage and avoid waterlogged soil.



PRUNING & PROPAGATION

Prune in early spring before flowering to maintain shape and encourage bushier growth. Propagate via seeds sown in spring or stem cuttings taken in spring or summer.



PET FRIENDLY ?

No, *Ardisia crenata* is not pet-safe and is toxic to cats, dogs, and other animals if ingested. To protect your pets, keep this plant out of paws reach.