

Fairy Castle Cactus



What it is

A slow-growing cactus that forms a cluster of upright columns at different heights, like the towers of a castle.

Light

Bright light near a sunny window. Introduce direct sun through the glass gradually, because strong midday sun can scorch the stems. Turn the pot a little each week so it grows evenly.

Water

Let the soil dry out completely, then soak it well. Pour on the soil and try not to wet the stems.

Soil and pot

Lean, gritty cactus mix that drains fast. Use an unglazed pot with drainage holes, only slightly wider than the roots. Repot when roots poke out of the bottom.

Temperature and winter

Best at 65 to 80°F, away from drafts and heating vents. Keep it above 50°F. In winter, give it your sunniest spot and water only a little.

Common mistake to avoid

Overwatering. Mushy stems mean the roots are already struggling.