

Moon Cactus



What it is

A tiny, colorful ball cactus (red, orange, yellow or pink) grafted onto a green cactus base, because the bright top cannot make its own food.

Light

Bright light, but not hot direct sun. A spot near a window with bright, indirect light works well, because the bright top can scorch.

Water

Water sparingly. Let the soil dry out completely between waterings, and water even less in winter.

Soil and pot

Gritty, well-drained cactus mix in a small pot with drainage holes. Never let the soil stay soggy.

Temperature and winter

Likes warm, dry air, around 68 to 86°F. Keep it above 50°F and away from frost and cold windows. In winter it rests, so cut watering back further.

Common mistake to avoid

Putting it in hot, direct afternoon sun, or watering too often. Either one can harm the colorful top. Over time that top can fade, and the green base can be regrafted.