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### Water:

I am a tropical—I don't like to be wet! Only water me when I get completely dry. (Once a week tops.)



### Light:

I like a bright spot indoors in the winter. In the summer keep me cool outdoors in the shade. Next year, in the fall, bring me back into the warm.

### Make me bloom again next year:

Give my old blooms a slight twist at the base of the spent flower to clean me up. I will bloom again next year if you give me long dark periods. You can put me in a closet, dark room, or cover me up for at least 12-14 hours a day. Begin the dark treatment in about mid-October to have me in full bloom by the holidays.

### When I outgrow my pot:

I will outgrow this pot in a year or so. Select a 6" - 8" pot to transplant me into. Well-drained soil is a must (remember I like it dry). Use a commercially packaged potting mix for succulent plants or mix your own by combining two parts plain potting soil with one part clean sand or vermiculite. You can also "trim" me back by removing my leaf sections (similar to taking off the flowers).



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