

PLANT NAME: SILVER TEASPOONS (KALANCHOE BRACTEATA)

• Light Requirements:

- Kalanchoe bracteata thrives in bright, indirect light. Place the plant near a window where it can receive bright but filtered sunlight. Avoid exposing it to direct sunlight, as it can cause leaf burn.

• Watering:

- Allow the soil to dry out between waterings. Kalanchoe bracteata is a succulent and is adapted to survive periods of drought. Water the plant thoroughly when the top inch of soil feels dry, but be cautious not to overwater, as this can lead to root rot. It's better to underwater than to overwater this plant.

• Temperature and Humidity:

- Kalanchoe bracteata prefers average to warm temperatures between 65–85°F (18–29°C). It can tolerate slightly cooler temperatures, but avoid exposing it to frost or extreme cold. The plant can adapt to average indoor humidity levels.

• Soil:

- Well-draining soil is crucial for Kalanchoe bracteata. Use a cactus or succulent potting mix, or create your own by combining regular potting soil with perlite or coarse sand to improve drainage.

• Fertilizer:

- Feed the plant during the active growing season (spring and summer) with a balanced, water-soluble fertilizer formulated for succulents. Follow the instructions on the fertilizer packaging, and avoid over-fertilizing, as it can harm the plant.

• Pruning:

- Remove any dead or wilted leaves by gently plucking them from the base. If the plant becomes leggy or unruly, you can trim it back to maintain a more compact shape.

• Propagation:

- Kalanchoe bracteata produces plantlets along the edges of its leaves. These plantlets can be carefully removed and planted in a separate pot with well-draining soil to propagate new plants.

• Pests and Diseases:

- Kalanchoe bracteata is generally resistant to pests and diseases. However, keep an eye out for common succulent pests like mealybugs or aphids. If detected, treat them with a gentle insecticidal soap or neem oil.

Note: Kalanchoe bracteata is toxic to pets if ingested, so keep it out of their reach.

Following these care instructions should help you maintain a healthy and vibrant Kalanchoe bracteata. Enjoy the beauty of its unique spoon-shaped silver leaves and occasional clusters of pink or yellow flowers.

