

To define the group of plants known as euphorbias is impossible, as it includes a vast number of disparate species of various sizes and shapes. Those grown as houseplants include the weird, leafless pencil cactus. The all-green version of this succulent plant is called "pencil cactus" as its stems are approximately the size and shape of pencils. The cactus part is a mystery as it is a succulent member of the spurge family with no spines at all. The new variety has been hybridized to have red ends and so has the name "sticks on fire." Bright light or full sun helps the tips become red. It is a unique plant to grow on a windowsill



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Euphorbia tirucalli

CACTUS- PENCIL/ STICKS ON FIRE



Light

Give these succulents as much light as possible

High/Bright indirect

Watering

Tolerate periods of drought. Water from spring to fall, allowing the top 1-2" of the potting soil to dry out between waterings. In winter, allow the soil to dry out

Feeding

Apply a cactus fertilizer (Espoma® Cactus Succulent Plant Food) once a month from Spring to Fall.

Planting & Care

Use a well draining potting mix. We recommend Black Gold® Cactus Mix soil.

Repot every 2-3 years

The pencil cactus looks like a deciduous shrub in winter. Its small foliage soon drops off to reveal a gaunt silhouette of smooth, tactile stems

Be careful when handling this plant, as a member of the euphorbia family it has white sap that can be irritating to some.

Size

In its natural habitat, it could grow to a 30 foot tall shrub, but in your home it may reach 6-7 feet. It can be trimmed to keep it smaller.

Flower

The plant will most likely not flower in the home.

Temperature

60-80°F

Humidity

Low

Care

Easy

