Schlumbergera truncate, S. buckleyi

## CACTUS 'HOLIDAY'



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These heavy blooming rain forest natives are easy to grow, and they area available in a huge range of colors. The intensity of bloom depends on climatic factors: bright light in summer and fall, combined with days that gradually become shorter and cooler. It is therefore ideal to move plants outdoors in summer, and keep them there until night temperatures dip down to 40-50 degrees. When you bring them in, keep them in a cool room that stays dark after sunset. Buds will develop in early winter, at which time plants should be moved to where you want them to bloom.





### Light

Bright indirect

The light needs to be bright to allow the plant to form flowers. An east or west window is preferred.

**Watering** 

As a rainforest cacti; these plants need more water than a desert cacti. Water them thoroughly and then allow the top

1-2" of soil to dry out before watering again.

Do **NOT** allow them to completely dry out.

They also prefer medium to high humidity.

**Feeding** 

Every 2 weeks in spring & summer with an indoor cactus fertilizer, we recommend **Espoma Organic Cactus & Succulent Plant Food.** 

**NEVER** feed after October 1st

**Planting & Care** 

Holiday Cactus are epiphytes in their natural habitat in the tropical rainforests of Brazil, this means they grow on the surface of another plant and derive their moisture and nutrients from the air, rain, and debris accumulating around it.

They grow best in a well draining soil amended with orchid bark. We recommend either **Black Gold Cactus Mix** or **Black Gold Orchid Mix.** 



#### **Flower**

These plants start to set their buds when the nights are long and cooler temperatures arrive in the fall. Make sure to turn the plant regularly all year to ensure buds set on the entire plant, not just the side in bright light. After they set their buds try NOT to move it around too much, as the buds may fall off.

### **Temperature**

From late spring to summer, warm (65-80). In fall and winter, cool (50-65).

# **Humidity**

Low

Care Easy

