Say hello to a long living and easy to care for Hoya vine, with large leaves and dangling stems, the *Hoya macrophylla*. All the stems are covered with oval-shaped dark green leaves with pale borders and embossed vein patterns. The leaves of this plant are some of the largest among all Hoyas, getting about 6-8" long and 2-3" wide.

When they do flower the scent is noticeable at night not during the day.





Hoya macrophylla

# HOYA MACROPHYLLA



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#### Watering

This is a succulent vine and so would like to be watered thoroughly and then allowed out dry before watering again. If the leaves begin to wrinkle, it has become too dry. In the low light levels in Winter, wait longer between waterings. Do not allow it to stand in water. Set on a tray of wet pebbles to increase humidity.

### Feeding

When NOT in bloom feed every 2 weeks during the growing season with a balanced houseplant fertilizer, such as Espoma Organic Indoor Houseplant Food.

While IN bloom feed every 2 weeks with a half strength blossom booster, such as Jacks Classic Blossom Booster.

### **Planting & Care**

In their native habitat many Hoyas are epiphytic (they grow on and up larger trees). The macropylla grows in limestone areas, thus it prefers a sweet, alkaline soil, unlike most other houseplants. Most commercially available houseplant mixes are peat based, which is acidic, thus it is necessary to add crushed oyster shells or eggshells to your potting mix. They prefer a fast draining soil. We recommend Black Gold All Purpose Potting Mix amended with perlite AND orchid bark. DO NOT forget the oyster/egg shells. Do NOT repot until it is unavoidable, they like being pot bound and have a small slow growing root system. Do NOT disturb the plant once flower buds appear. Do NOT remove dead flowers.

#### **Flower**

The pink flowers are clustered in a half-ball shapes, like an upside-down umbrella.

## Size

This vine can get quite long and, if not in a hanging container, it could be trained on a trellis or as a wreath shape.

#### **Temperature** 65-75°F

# Humidity

Moderate to High Most Hoyas prefer higher humidity and will grow faster in those conditions, but they are also happy in moderate humidity.

#### **Care** Average

