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Estabrook's

SPECIALTY HOYA CARE GUIDE

LIGHT

Give specialty wax plants bright, filtered light. This guide suits lacunosa, krohniana, 'Mathilde' and selections sold as 'Arctic', 'Black Margin', 'Silver Splash' or 'Sunrise'. Names can vary between growers. Protect leaves from harsh afternoon sun; do not force red coloration with intense sun.

WATERING

Allow the upper layer of mix to dry somewhat, then water thoroughly and drain well. Small-leaved lacunosa and krohniana types appreciate more consistent moisture than very thick-leaved hoyas. Avoid prolonged complete drying, but never keep the pot saturated. Check moisture and pot weight before watering.

SOIL

Use a chunky, airy mixture of potting mix, orchid bark and perlite or pumice. Choose a pot with drainage holes. Repot only when needed, moving up one size. An oversized pot or compacted mix can keep roots wet and encourage rot.

TEMPERATURE & HUMIDITY

Keep in a warm room, about 65-80 degrees F, protected from cold drafts and hot vents. Moderate to high humidity is helpful, particularly for smaller-leaved plants. Maintain gentle airflow. Small hanging pots may dry more quickly than larger floor pots.

FERTILIZING

Feed lightly during active spring and summer growth with a diluted houseplant fertilizer, following label directions. Reduce feeding when growth slows. Leave old flower spurs in place because they can bloom again. Keep light and watering steady when buds are developing.

PESTS

Check leaf joints and undersides for mealybugs, scale or mites. Isolate affected plants and ask us about treatment. Give vines a trellis or allow them to trail. Yellow leaves with wet mix call for a root and drainage check, rather than more water.