



FOLIAGE KALANCHOE CARE

LIGHT

Grow paddle plants, Mother of Thousands and variegated foliage kalanchoes in bright light. Introduce gentle direct sun gradually; protect variegated leaves from harsh midday sun. Long gaps between leaves and leaning stems often mean the plant needs more light.

WATERING

Allow the potting mix to dry between thorough waterings. Let water escape freely through the drainage holes and empty the saucer. Reduce watering when growth slows, especially in winter. Avoid frequent small sips that leave the root zone continually damp.

SOIL

Use a loose, fast-draining cactus and succulent mix. Add perlite or horticultural grit if the mix stays wet too long. Select a pot with drainage holes, only slightly larger than the root ball. Keep the crown at its original soil level.

TEMPERATURE

Warm household conditions, roughly 60–85°F, are suitable. Bring plants indoors before temperatures fall below 50°F. Keep foliage away from cold window glass and sudden drafts. Average indoor humidity is adequate; these succulents do not need routine misting.

FERTILIZING

Apply a cactus or succulent fertilizer according to its label during active growth. Feed sparingly and stop while growth is resting. Never fertilize a severely dry or stressed plant. Rotate the pot occasionally to encourage balanced growth.

PESTS & HANDLING

Watch for mealybugs, scale and aphids; isolate affected plants promptly. Wet soil can cause root rot. Mother of Thousands drops plantlets that root readily; collect unwanted seedlings. Wear gloves when handling. Keep all kalanchoes away from children and pets; harmful if eaten.