



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

STRING SUCCULENT CARE GUIDE

LIGHT

Give string of pearls, beads, watermelons, bananas, fishhooks and dolphins bright, indirect light. Make sure light reaches the top of the pot as well as the hanging stems. Protect from scorching midday sun. A bright shelf or hanging position near a window works well.

WATERING

Let the upper portion of the mix dry before watering thoroughly. For bananas and fishhooks, check that roughly the upper half has dried. Avoid prolonged drought that shrivels the leaves, especially for pearls. Drain completely and never leave the pot standing in water.

SOIL

Use a fast-draining cactus and succulent mix, adding perlite or pumice if needed. Choose a container with drainage holes and avoid oversized pots. Fine trailing stems are fragile; handle them gently and support them while moving or repotting the plant.

TEMPERATURE

Comfortable room temperatures suit these plants. Protect from frost, cold winter glass and direct hot air from vents. A cooler, bright winter position reduces water use, so check moisture before repeating summer watering habits. Good air circulation is helpful; extra misting is unnecessary.

FERTILIZING

Feed lightly with a diluted succulent fertilizer during active growth, following label directions. Do not feed a dry or stressed root ball. If the plant becomes thin, check whether its crown receives enough light. Healthy stem cuttings can help renew an aging plant.

PESTS

Look for mealybugs, aphids and mites, and isolate affected plants before treatment. Shriveling can mean thirst or damaged roots: check the mix before adding water. Soggy soil promotes rot. Keep these ornamental plants away from children and pets that may chew the leaves.