



HOYA CUMINGIANA CARE GUIDE

LIGHT

Give Hoya cumingiana a very bright location. Gentle morning sun is suitable; introduce stronger light gradually to avoid scorching leaves grown in shade. This species has a shrubby, arching habit rather than the long twining growth of many other hoyas. Good light supports compact growth.

WATERING

Let the upper portion of the potting mix dry before watering thoroughly. Allow all excess water to drain, and empty the saucer or outer container. Check pot weight and moisture instead of watering by the calendar. Avoid keeping roots constantly wet or allowing prolonged severe drought.

SOIL

Use an airy, freely draining mix containing houseplant potting mix, orchid bark and perlite or pumice. Drainage holes are essential. Keep the pot fairly snug around the root system, moving up only one size when roots fill it. Heavy, compacted mix can cause root problems.

TEMPERATURE

Provide normal warm indoor conditions, roughly 65-80 degrees F, away from cold drafts and radiators. Moderate humidity and gentle airflow are helpful. Protect from frost and cold winter glass. If summering outdoors, introduce outdoor light slowly and bring inside before cold nights.

FERTILIZING

Feed lightly with a diluted houseplant fertilizer during active spring and summer growth, following label directions. Reduce feeding when growth slows. Keep old flower-bearing spurs where present. Prune only as needed to maintain shape, and use small stakes to steady arching growth.

PESTS

Inspect stems and leaf joints for mealybugs and scale. Separate affected plants before treatment, and ask us about suitable products. Poor drainage is a common cause of decline. If leaves wilt while the mix is still wet, inspect the roots before adding more water.