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Estabrook's

CLIMBING MONSTERA CARE GUIDE

LIGHT

Give these tropical climbers bright, filtered light. This guide suits 'Peru', 'Burle Marx Flame', esqueleto, lechleriana, siltepecana and standleyana, including variegated Cobra. Protect foliage from strong afternoon sun. Deep shade produces weaker growth; increase light gradually when moving a plant.

WATERING

Let the top 1-2 inches of mix dry before watering thoroughly. Check farther into deep pots, which may remain wet below the surface. Allow runoff to drain away and empty the outer pot or saucer. Reduce watering in cool, dark winter conditions.

SOIL

Use an airy, freely draining houseplant mix with bark and perlite. Choose a pot with drainage holes, only slightly larger than the root ball. A sturdy pole or trellis supports climbing growth; 'Peru' can also trail from a hanging basket.

TEMPERATURE

Keep in a warm room, around 65-85 degrees F, away from cold drafts and direct heat. Moderate to high humidity supports growth. Protect foliage from cold glass in winter and cover the plant for transport during cold weather.

FERTILIZING

Feed moderately during active spring and summer growth with a balanced liquid houseplant fertilizer at its label rate. Reduce feeding when growth slows. Leaf shape changes with species and maturity: 'Peru' and standleyana normally retain whole leaves rather than developing holes.

PESTS

Check leaf undersides and stems for pests, and isolate affected plants before treatment. Constantly wet mix can damage roots. Gently clean dusty leaves. Keep out of reach of chewing pets and children; sap can irritate skin and eyes.