



*Harper's*

NURSERIES & FLOWER SHOPS

# CARE OF CHRISTMAS CACTUS

Zygocactus or Christmas Cactus as we commonly know it, makes an excellent hanging plant as well as a good table plant. Older plants can have runners up to 2 feet long. Christmas Cacti require very bright light, and love morning sun in the winter. Allow plants to dry between waterings, then soak thoroughly. Too much water can be fatal to the plant. Christmas Cacti should be fed every 4 weeks with a liquid fertilizer diluted to 1/2 the recommended dosage. After blooming, give the plant a rest. When danger of frost is past, you can put the plant outside. Reduce watering but don't let the joints shrivel up. Feed until the beginning of August. Bring the plant back inside at the end of September and keep on the dry side until the buds appear. The warmer it is inside the sooner the plant will bloom. Christmas Cacti don't like to be moved around, so try to find one spot for it and leave it there. They do like humidity and enjoy being misted a couple of times a day.

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