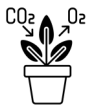


# Twisted Rasta Lipstick Plant

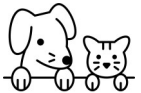


## *Aeschynanthus 'Rasta'*

- **Use:** Lipstick plant is a beginner friendly houseplant that is often overlooked and underrated. Anyone looking for something a bit odd or for that special novelty gift to give their plant enthusiast friend or lover a chuckle look no further. One of the easier houseplants to look after and care for, letting you get away with only occasional attention. Its distinctively curled, trailing leaves and vibrant tubular flowers make it a popular choice among plant enthusiasts and interior decorators alike.
- **Exposure/Soil:**
  - Light:** The plant prefers bright, indirect light. Direct sunlight can scorch the leaves, while too little light can hinder blooming. A spot near an east or north-facing window is ideal.
  - Watering:** Consistent moisture is crucial, but the plant should not be left in standing water. Water thoroughly when the top inch of soil feels dry, and ensure good drainage to prevent root rot.
  - Humidity:** As a tropical plant, the Lipstick Plant thrives in high humidity. Regular misting, a humidity tray, or a room humidifier can help maintain the necessary moisture levels.
  - Temperature:** The plant prefers temperatures between 65°F and 80°F (18°C to 27°C). It should be protected from drafts and sudden temperature changes.
  - Soil:** A well-draining potting mix rich in organic matter is ideal. A mix designed for African violets or a blend of peat, perlite, and orchid bark works well.
  - Fertilization:** During the growing season (spring and summer), feed the plant with a balanced liquid fertilizer every two weeks. Reduce feeding during the fall and winter when growth slows down.
- **Growth:** Grows 12-24" tall and wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 10-12, Annual, Houseplant; Needs above 60 degrees indoors.
- **Foliage:** Curly, thick, and glossy leaves that cascade elegantly from hanging baskets or pots. The foliage is a deep green, sometimes with a slightly reddish tint, adding to its visual appeal.
- **Flower:** The plant's most striking feature, however, is its flowers. Resembling a tube of lipstick, the flowers emerge from dark-colored buds and unfurl into bright red or orange blooms. These flowers not only add a splash of color but also attract pollinators such as hummingbirds, making the plant an excellent choice for both indoor and outdoor gardens.



This plant filters pollutants from the air while releasing oxygen. With this plant in your home, you breathe cleaner air.



This plant is considered non-toxic, therefore safe around