Mini Asst Catcus



There's a wide variety of cacti to grow; they offer a plethora of shapes, colors, and sizes so you can find one that suits your personality and decor style. If they get enough light, many will bloom, producing cheery flowers in white, pink, red, orange, yellow, or purple. Some of the more common groups of cacti include Cereus, Echinocactus, Espostoa, Ferocactus, Mammillaria, Notocactus, Opuntia, Parodia, Pilosocereus, and Rebutia.

Cactus sp.

- <u>Use</u>: Looking for a plant you don't have to water much? A cactus might be your answer! Most cacti come from dryland areas and are used to being able to survive weeks without rainfall. Cactus houseplants have that same characteristic: Just give cacti a bright, sunny spot and you can enjoy the easy-care houseplants without a lot of tending. Make the most of your cactus houseplants by planting them in containers that accent the plants' rich colors, shapes, or textures. And by grouping several different cacti together in a windowsill or tabletop, you can create a mini desert escape! In addition to being good houseplants, most cacti are also good plants for offices as they don't need natural light. Lots of artificial light is just fine!
- **Exposure/Soil:** Grow in a bright spot; they do best when they get enough light for at least part of the day to cast a strong shadow. These indoor plants will tolerate lower-light spots, especially for relatively short periods. Water cacti sparingly. They typically don't need watering more than once every 10 to 14 days -- and possibly even less if they're grown in low light or consistently cool temperatures. Take care not to overwater these colorful cacti -- too much moisture is the easiest way to do them in. Desert Gems don't require much fertilizer, but if you wish to fertilize, you can do so as little as once a year or so with a general-purpose houseplant fertilizer. These cacti also don't require any pruning; they're truly easy to grow!
- **<u>Growth</u>**: Heights vary by type, but most cacti are relatively slow growing.
- *Hardiness:* Zone 10-11, Annual, houseplant Bring indoors below 55 degrees
- **Foliage:** Vary depending on type of cacti, but usually spines instead of leave.
- *Flower:* Flowers vary by type.