

Jade Plant, Elephant Bush - Plant



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Description

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The Jade plant is the ultimate symbol of prosperity in China. Its flat round leaves and compact shape makes it the Asian equivalent of a money tree. They survive well in the small shallow containers.

Jades are evergreen plants with thick branches and smooth, rounded, fleshy leaves that grow in opposite directions.

The silver dollar jade is an attractive succulent plant native to South Africa. The plant produces star-shaped clusters of white or pink flowers during the winter season.

Silver dollar jades are hardy to plant year-round outdoors in USDA growing zones 10 through 12 or indoors in a container for colder growing zones. The plant is considered a succulent shrub and will grow up to 10 feet tall.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Jade plant, friendship tree, lucky plant, money tree, Elephant Bush - Plant	After a dormant period in winter, the bush produces small pink flowers grouped in clusters at the ends of the branches.	After a dormant period in winter.	Up to 10 feet.	Moderately easy,

Planting and care

For indoor cactus & succulents, recommended pot size is 10inch, it may do well in 6 inch pot as well. Typically an indoor cactus & succulents does not change greatly in size, and you want to avoid excess soil in the pot, which can hold too much water and rot the cactus.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Place the plant in a bright area of the home; a south or southeast facing window works great. If natural light is not adequate, you can supplement with a nice natural white florescent bulb. You can put it outside in summer and spring, with indirect light, but it will need to remain indoors during fall and winter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a potting soil mix with a little sand; a cactus & succulents likes good drainage. You can mix in a little slow release organic fertilizer, but it is not necessary. Make sure to pack down the soil around the transplanted plant, and thoroughly water it, to help spur the rooting process in the new soil. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It requires normal watering when the soil is dry in the summer, and very little watering in the winter. Over-watering will cause it to lose its leaves. 	Place the cutting in a moderately lit area where temperatures are at least 65 F. (18 C.).	Implement a low-nitrogen liquid fertilizer every 6-8 weeks between spring and early fall.

Caring for Jade Plant

- The most common mistake made in succulent plants is watering.
- They are drought tolerant but do require watering from April to October.
- In winter the plants are dormant and you may suspend watering.
- Elephant bush succulents in the home interior should not have consistently wet feet.
- Make sure the pot drains well and do not leave a saucer with water sitting under the container

Typical uses of Jade Plant

Special features:

Ornamental use: The home interior is an excellent place to grow elephant bush houseplants.

References

- <http://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/cacti-succulents/portulacaria/growing-elephant-bush.htm>