

Christmas cactus *Schlumbergera truncata*

Fact sheet



LIGHT ☀️ ☀️ ☀️ ☀️ ☀️ **bright, no midday sun**

Bright, but without harsh midday sun – a window with morning sun is ideal.



WATER 💧 💧 💧 💧 💧 **moderate**

Keep evenly moist in spring and summer, never let it dry out completely. From early autumn until buds show and after flowering, water more sparingly: let the top few centimetres dry.



HUMIDITY 💧 💧 💧 💧 💧 **medium**

Likes humid air – a tray of wet gravel helps.



TEMPERATURE

18–20 °C in summer, never below 10 °C. From early autumn at 12–15 °C and without light in the evening, so that it sets buds.



SOIL

Cactus soil, pot only slightly bigger than the root ball – kept a little snug, it flowers more.



FEEDING

Spring to early autumn about once a month with liquid houseplant fertiliser.



REPOTTING 🪴 **est. 9 → 19 cm**

Every one to two years in early spring, once the roots fill the pot.



SHOOT LENGTH



up to approx. 45 cm long,
60 cm wide
• trailing

GROWTH



medium



TOXICITY



Humans: non-toxic



Cats: non-toxic



Dogs: non-toxic

	TOO LITTLE	TOO MUCH
Water	 Stem segments shrivel, buds drop. → Water thoroughly, pour away the excess. In spring and summer never let the soil dry out completely.	 Shoots shrivel despite wet soil, roots rot, buds drop. → Let the soil dry out and don't leave the pot standing in water.
Light		 Stem segments turn pale, discoloured or get scorched patches. → Take it out of the midday sun.
Warmth	 Buds drop, e.g. after the trip home from a cold shop or in a draught. → Keep it evenly bright and cool, but above 10 °C, and don't move it while buds are forming.	
 WHAT IT DOES FOR YOU	Bright flowers in the darkest time of the year, for many years. And it's non-toxic to children, cats and dogs.	
	 CAUTION	Not toxic. The buds are the delicate part: they drop with changing temperatures, too much or too little water, or a move while buds are forming.