

Kalanchoe blossfeldiana

Genus: Kalanchoe

Family: Crassulacea

Home: Madagaskar

Flowering period: Spring, forced all year round to bloom

Kalanchoe is a succulent with fleshy leaves. It is attractive do to the multiple blooms that will last for an extended period of time. Flowers are red, orange, pink, purple and yellow The plant grows up to 8 to 15 inches in arid and sunny locations, water more liberally during the blooming period, but let surface of soil dry out. In winter water very sparingly, but watch for signs on stress (yellowing and drying out of leaf).The Kalanchoe prefers a room temperature between 60 F and 75 F, can not tolerate temperatures below 55 F.

To get the plant to bloom again put it in October for two week in a location with 14 hours of darkness. Allow moderate light during the day and water sparingly. New flower buds should appear in 6 to 8 weeks. Then go back to normal care.

To propagate your Kalanchoe take stem cuttings in spring.

Kalanchoe blossfeldiana (Flaming Katy), Kalanchoe pinnata (cathedral bells)

