



CAPILLARY MATTING Q1 (01) **Instructions**

HINTS

Can be used on any reasonably flat level surface.

If the surface is porous, lay the matting on top of a sheet of polythene.

Can be used either side up.

Water will flow from one piece of matting to another by overlapping them by about ½".

Turn pots regularly to avoid roots growing into the matting.

To reduce algae growth water with a dilute solution of algicide.

To clean, brush off any debris and wash in a mild detergent.

Prior to using the matting, soak thoroughly in a bowl of water to help activate the capillary action.

USES

As its own water reservoir.

It will hold up to 3.6 litres of water per square metre.

With drip or spray watering systems.

The water will be spread evenly over the whole area of matting.

Using a reservoir as a water source.

Water may be drawn out of a reservoir.

Mount the top of the reservoir level with the matting. Using a wick of capillary matting water will continue to be drawn from the reservoir until the level drops to between 4" – 5". The water will be drawn evenly by the matting up to 4m (13ft) from the reservoir.

INDOOR HOUSEPLANT CARE

When you go on holiday, place your plants on a piece of matting in your bath. Leave the plug out but allow the tap to drip onto the matting. The water will spread all along the matting providing a continuous supply of water for your plants.

OR

Place your plants on some matting on the draining board, trail one end into a washing up bowl filled with water and position in the sink. The water will be drawn up from the bowl by the matting. If you are away for a long time, allow water to drip into the bowl - any overflow will go down the sink.