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## *Medinilla*

**Light:** Medinilla are a tropical, epiphytic shrub. They grow similar to orchids, rooting in crevices of tree branches and similar locations.

**Water:** Medinilla can reasonably store water in their leaves. So saturate thoroughly, but allow the growing medium to become airy before a thorough soak is provided.

**Environment:** A growing medium similar to many orchids is ideal, and a general blend marked for orchids is typically fine for Medinilla as well. A small portion of standard potting soil can be mixed in to provide a little more water retention if needed. Maintain warm home temperatures (65 - 78°F is great) and maintain humidity for the plant. This means drafts from doors, vents, etc., should be absolutely avoided.

**Toxicity:** This plant is reported to be non-toxic

### **Of Note:**

- Prized for centuries, this houseplant take a little more careful attention, but will reward you with amazing blooms.

\*When planting in a pot without a drainage hole, avoid over watering by estimating 25% of the container's overall volume, with appropriate drainage materials incorporated when planting.