

Medinilla magnifica

LIGHT NEEDS: Light in a south-facing window is best for the Medinilla. The ideal placement for the plant is in the center of the window to maximize exposure. Protect from direct sun in summer.

HUMIDITY: During winter months, the air in the home becomes dry. Mist your plant often to add moisture to the blooms. Misting may also be necessary during the summer if air conditioning dries out the air.

ALLOW PLANT TO DRY BETWEEN WATERING: The Medinilla prefers being a bit dry to being too wet. It is very important to water a Medinilla thoroughly until all the soil is moistened. Water when the plant becomes light when lifted.

DO NOT OVER-WATER THE PLANT: It is not recommended to over-water a Medinilla. Do not allow the plant to sit in water.

Can I put my Medinilla magnifica outside? Yes, the Medinilla is an indoor and outdoor plant. It is best to grow a Medinilla outdoors when temperatures are above 57 degrees and to avoid direct sunlight between 10 am and 3 pm. In fact, the flowers last even longer outdoors than indoors when the nights are cool.

Can I prune my Medinilla magnifica? The Medinilla can be pruned. When pruning, make sure that at least one pair of leaves remain on each stem because a stem without leaves will die. Never remove more than 50% of the leaves.

Can I repot my Medinilla magnifica any time of the year? Medinilla's can be repotted at any time of the year. It is however, advisable to do this in the spring because the plant has the most vitality due to the increasing light intensity. For the best results, the Medinilla should preferably be potted in nutrient-poor woodland soil or turf.

How do I get my Medinilla magnifica to flower again? After a Medinilla has finished flowering and the old flowers have fallen off or have been removed, the plant will grow new shoots. In this period, the plant can be given some plant food once every two weeks. When the new shoots are approximately 10 inches long, place the plant in a cooler environment at 62- 64 degrees with high light in winter, and diffused light in summer. When after approximately 10 weeks, the flower buds are about 1 inch; place it in a warmer room.

How long does the Medinilla flower for? The Medinilla flowers for a very long time. A flowering period of 3 months is normal, but some plants flower for up to 6 months. If you follow the advice given, then you can enjoy your Medinilla for several years.

What are the small white grains on the young leaf? These are growth sugars. These indicate that the plant is growing well.

How can I stop my flower/floret from dropping prematurely? There are a couple causes for this. It is very likely your Medinilla is too dry. The other cause for this may be that your plant is not receiving enough light.

Why are the buds not fully developing? Your Medinilla may not be receiving the proper amount of light. It is also possible that your Medinilla is not being watered properly.

Why is the stem of the Medinilla starting to blacken? Stems can turn black because the Medinilla has been over watered, which causes the plant to sit in water. It is recommended that you cut off the black stems. Once the stems turn black, they will not grow back. Another reason for the stems to turn black could be the environment is too cold. If the room temperature is below 57 degrees, you may see blackened stems. The ideal temperature for the Medinilla is 62 – 77 degrees.