

Purple-Passion Vine

Also called purple velvet plant, royal velvet plant, or velvet plant
(*Gynura species*)

Purple-passion vine, with its velvety, purplish leaves, creates a soft, luscious effect.

Light

Place in high light (southern exposure) during winter and medium (bright indirect) light the rest of the year. Grows well if under artificial light 14 hours per day.

Water

Keep evenly moist at all times, but avoid sogginess, which causes rot. Do not let soil dry out. Reduce watering in fall and winter. Mist daily. If water spotting occurs, move plant into less light. Raise humidity.

Temperature

Maintain average temperatures during the day. For best growth, keep temperatures in the 50s at night.

Comments

Repot at least every two years to refresh soil. Feed every 14 days with mild solution during active growth. Pinch back to create bushiness. Remove dead leaves at once. Remove flowers for better growth. Propagate by tip cuttings.