Venus's-Flytrap

(Dionaea muscipula)

Grown as a novelty, venus's-flytrap digests insects in trap-like leaves. It does not need bugs to survive.

Light

Place in high light (southern exposure) for best color. Tolerates low light in summer.

Water

Keep evenly moist or wet. Mist daily. Raise humidity. Does not tolerate dryness.

Temperature

Maintain temperatures in the 40s at night and no higher than low 60s during the day. Barely tolerates average temperatures.

Comments

Plant in shallow container filled with sphagnum moss. If you use soil, add peat moss. Do not fertilize. Do not feed plant insects during winter; may cause its death. Remove flowers when they appear because plant needs cross-pollination to form seed. Parent plants often die as offspring appear. Propagate by seed or division.