

Mammillaria backebergiana

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Common Names: Common Cactus, Fishhook Cactus

Family: Cactaceae

Origin: Mexico

Growth: Upwards

Light: Full sun

Foot Candles: 250+

Water: Let dry completely

Humidity: Not required

Temperature: 16°C - 40°C

Soil: Well draining cactus mix

Container: Pot with drainage

Nutrients: 7-7-7 Monthly

Propagation: Stem / branch cuttings, removal of offshoots

Interiorscape Use: Desert themed atrium

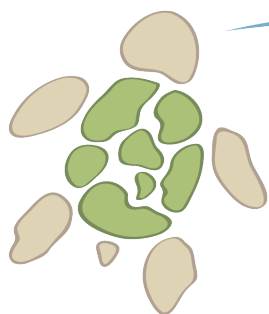


Common Pests: Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

Common Issues: Pests can easily hide behind the spines which makes detecting and removing the insects much more difficult.

Comments: A very common household cactus that grow very compact clusters. The spines will sometimes develop hooks at the tips, which can easily latch onto clothing or fur. A mature plant will commonly topple over and reroot along the soil. This can also sometimes create new vertical offshoots. The flowers are a very attractive pink colour and form in rings around the top of the plant.

Toxicity: Safe.



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