



**Clifton**  
NURSERIES

## MEDINILLA CARE



### MEDINILLA MAGNIFICA

Origin - Philippine Islands. Genus originates in tropical Africa, SE Asia and the Pacific Islands. A tropical plant with long pink hanging flower sprays with canopies of large leaves. Common name – Rose Grape.

### LIGHT

These plants require bright light but should be shaded from the hottest sun.

### WATER

Water well enough to thoroughly moisten compost during the growing season, allowing the top of the compost to dry 2cm down before repeating. During the rest period, water enough to stop the plant from drying out completely. Resume watering moderately in early-mid Spring when flower stalks become visible.

### TEMPERATURE

Provide a temperature of between 18°-25°C (64-77°F) throughout the year, lowering the temperature slightly, but not below 15°C (59°F), during the winter period (November to January) or if in flower then after flowering has finished.

### FEED

Apply a standard liquid fertiliser every two weeks once flower buds begin to open.

### REPOT

In spring, re-pot into one size larger container taking care not to damage plant roots. The largest pot size that is practical is likely to be 10 inches, therefore top dress in spring with fresh compost. Use Orchid compost.



### PROPAGATION

Home propagation is not usually possible with this plant. Tip cuttings are the best method employed. It is, however, probably more advisable to buy young specimens.

### OTHER POINTS

Mist spray this plant, though not blooms, to increase humidity. This is very important as it is susceptible to Red Spider Mite attack. Prune plants after flowering has finished, cutting back unwanted branches almost to base level

and shorting by half all along branches, regardless of whether they have flowered or not.