



Care Instructions

Japanese Maple (*Acer Palmatum*) kokedama

Location:

- Indoor: hanging or standing in a bright position with at least 6 to 8 hours of sunlight each day in summer. Avoid positions near aircon or heater.
- Outdoors: stunning on a porch or outside a window with morning or late afternoon sun. Protect from frost in winter and drying winds in summer. You may prune it after all the leaves have fallen.

Being a deciduous tree, it will be bare for around 2 to 3 months. Even dormant, it still needs to be slightly watered. You may prune it after all the leaves have fallen. Buds will grow in August and your Japanese maple kokedama will get new leaves in spring.

Watering:

As a rule of thumb, water your kokedama once a week or when it feels light. Adapt the watering depending on the temperature and the ambient humidity: water less frequently in cooler months, more frequently in warmer month. Windy and hot conditions tend to dry the moss ball quicker.

Japanese maples are not drought tolerant, but they don't like soggy roots either. When the moss ball is half dry, water from the top if it is twined with jute string. If it is twined with an invisible nylon string, soak the moss ball in water for about 10 seconds, let drain, then place it back on its stand. It may lose its leaves prematurely if it dries out.

Add slightly diluted liquid fertiliser or worm juice to the watering water once a month in the growing season. Reduce watering and food in autumn and winter. Your Japanese maple will require regular watering in spring as it gets the leaves out.

