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19 Flowering Succulents to Grow for Their Stunning Blooms

These flowering succulents will fill your home and garden with colorful petals.

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Flowering succulents offer all the beauty of any other succulent, except the icing on the cake of growing them is their pretty blooms. Most of [succulents are easy to grow](#) with bright light, warm temperatures,

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many types of succulents are grown just for their unique and architectural leaves and stems, these 19 flowering succulents also offer colorful petals and sometimes even fragrance to your home or garden.

01 | **Hardy Ice Plant**

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 Delosperma Pink Ribbon

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sites. Wet winters may be fatal for [hardy ice plant](#) (*Delosperma cooperi*), but it can be replanted each spring when the weather warms. The intense purple-pink flowers make it a worthy addition to a full sun garden.

02 | Stapelia

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stapelia

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[Stapelia](#) plants (*Stapelia* spp.) have some of the most unique flowers of all succulents. They range from tiny (less than 1 inch) to massive (up to 8 inches wide) and their colors range from near-black to red to cream. Stapelia flowers are undeniably incredible, but there is a catch. Some (not all) stapelia produce foul-smelling flowers to attract flies for pollination. Place the funky-smelling varieties outdoors while they are

SKIP TO CONTENT The odor is too unpleasant in your home.

 pink christmas cactus



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[Christmas cactus](#) (*Schlumbergera* spp.) and its relatives, the Easter and Thanksgiving cactus, are classic [flowering houseplants](#) that bloom each year around their namesake holiday. Unlike many succulents, they do not grow in full sun conditions, making them perfect houseplants. They come in various colors, including pink, white, red, orange, and gold.

04 | **Prickly Pear**
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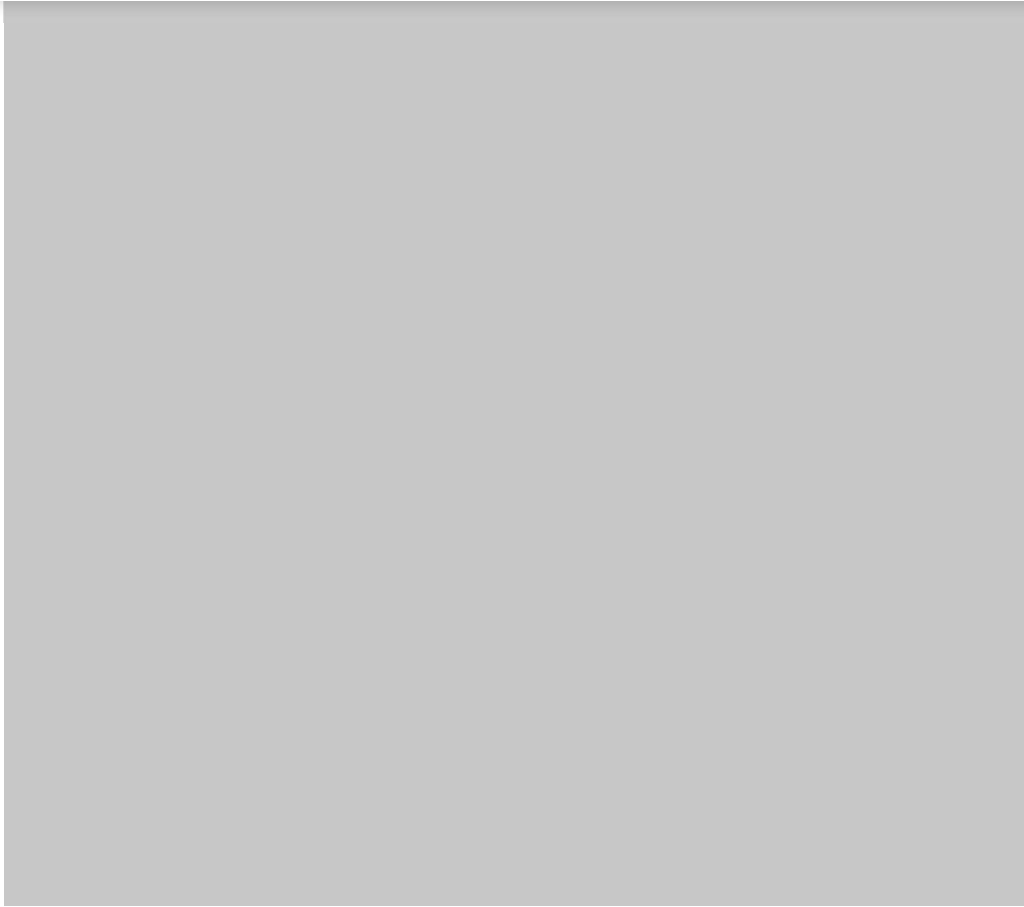


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[Prickly pear cactus](#) (*Opuntia* spp.) comes in an astounding range of sizes from 1–15 feet tall, and can be found throughout the Americas. The large flowers are pink, yellow, or orange. As its name implies, prickly pear is covered in sharp spines so it requires some careful handling, but it's still worth growing outdoors in a full-sun area or pots that can be moved under cover in regions with wet winters.

05 | **Living Stones**

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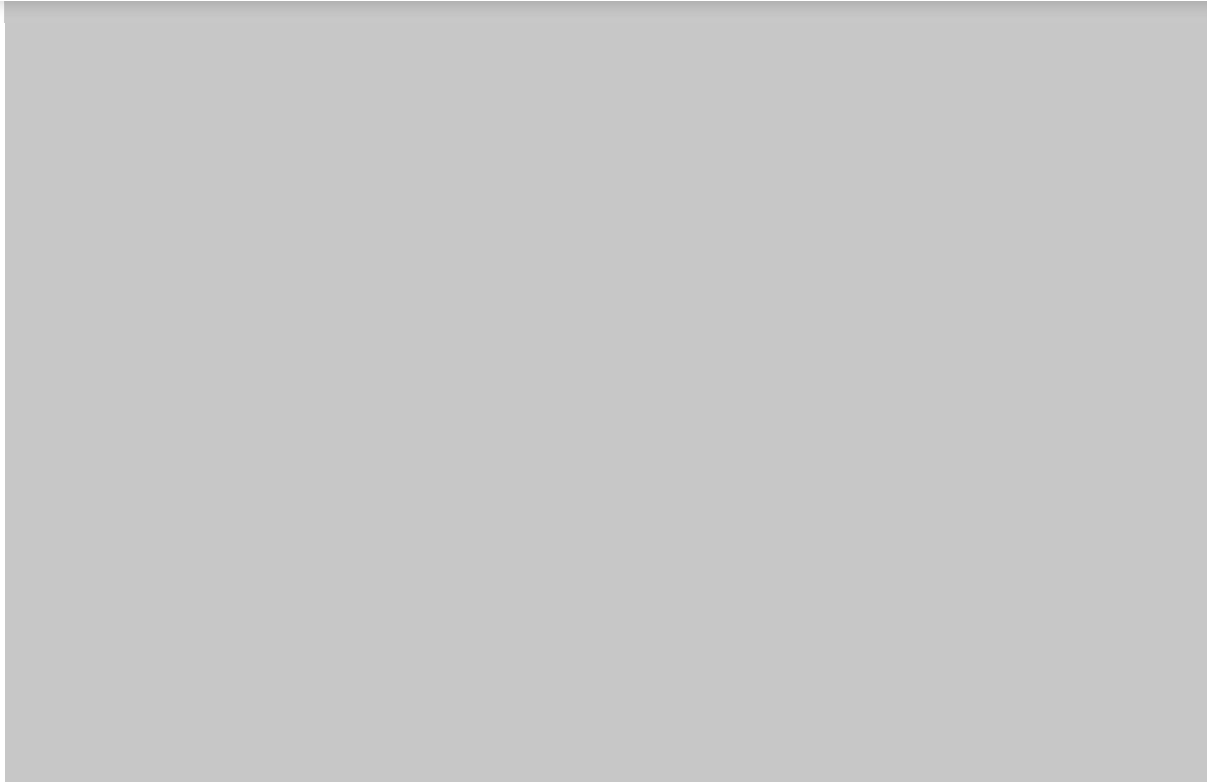


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Commonly called living rocks or living stones owing to their unique appearance, [Lithops succulents](#) are a genuine curiosity. Unlike a pile of rocks, however, living stones produce small white, orange, yellow, or pink flowers. The flower pops right out of the split in the plant, adding to its charm.

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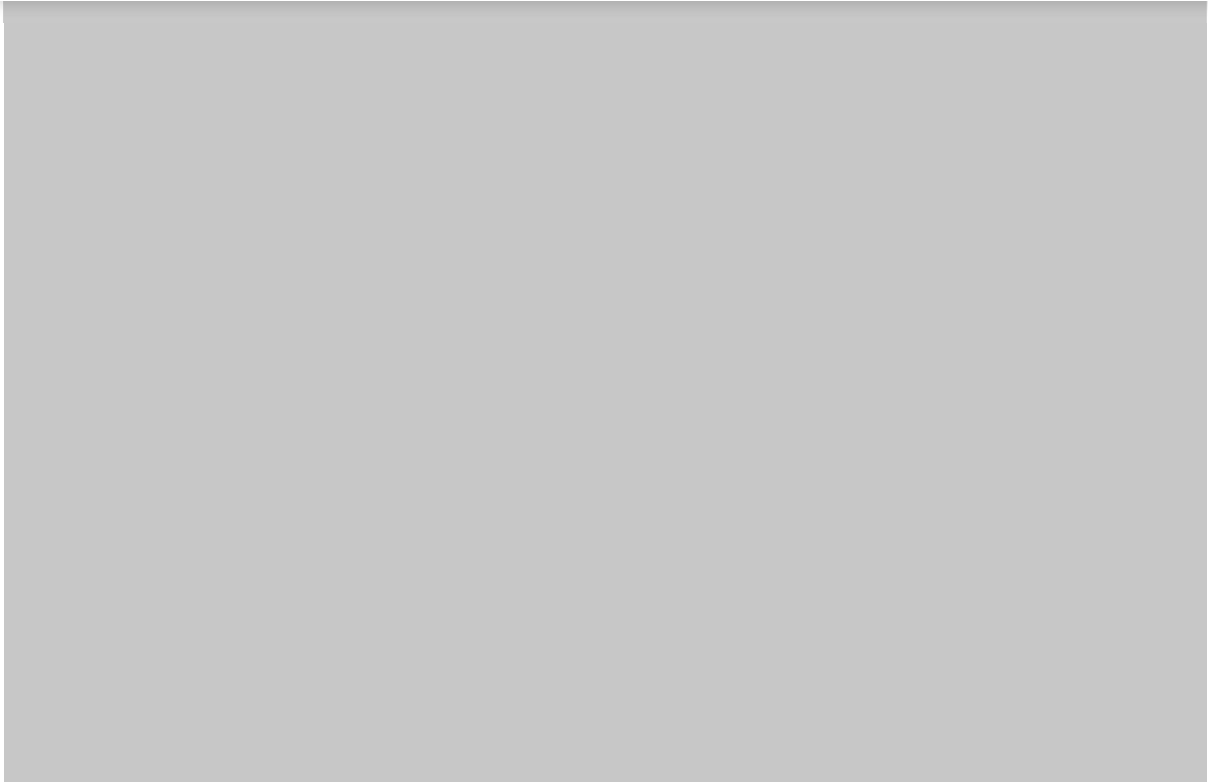


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[Hoya](#) (*Hoya* spp.) is a vining succulent plant that grows best in warm locations with indirect sunlight. It can be moved outdoors in summer to a bright, shady space. The waxy flowers are often shades of white, pink, and red. Hoya grows best when it is slightly root-bound in the pot.

07 | **Kalanchoe**

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[Kalanchoe](#) (*Kalanchoe blossfeldiana*) needs 6 weeks with 14 hours of darkness daily each winter to initiate flowering. Months later, you will be rewarded with red, orange, white, yellow, or pink flowers. Kalanchoe is a popular late-winter/early-spring blooming houseplant.

08 | Crown of Thorns

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are actually bracts that surround the tiny nondescript flowers. It's easy to grow indoors as a houseplant.

WARNING

Crown of thorns plants produce latex sap that can irritate your skin. Wear gloves when handling this plant, especially if it leaks white sap.

09 | Orchid Cactus

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 Basket planters with tropical plant

[will need to be moved indoors in cool climates](#) that dip below 50°F. During warm weather, the baskets can be hung from trees. Spritz the plant daily with water, but keep the soil dry, or the roots will rot. The flowers can be massive, up to 12 inches wide. They are often white but can be found in orange, yellow, and pink.

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10 | Moss Rose

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[Moss rose](#) (*Portulaca grandiflora*) is often [grown as an annual](#) in Zones 3–9, but it's actually perennial in Zones 10–11. This low-growing, flowering succulent groundcover comes in a variety of colors such as pink, red, yellow, and white. Plant a random mix of colors in your

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Desert Rose



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Despite its common name, a desert rose (*Adenium obesum*) is not actually a rose. It does come from desert regions in Africa and Asia, though. This flowering succulent is commonly grown as a houseplant in a sunny location but can be moved outdoors in summer if protected from the overhead midday sun. In summer, flowers appear in shades of pink, white, and red.

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ingested. The sap can cause skin irritation.

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Agave

 Agave and flowering Euphorbia

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Most [agave](#) cacti (*Agave* spp.) flower only once and then die.

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They live long lives, usually taking between 8 and 80 years to

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a dry, full-sun garden. Some selections are grown primarily for the leaf color and shape, but many develop attractive white, yellow, red, or pink flowers to add to the show.

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14 | Torch Aloe

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torch aloe flowering in garden

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Torch or krantz aloe (*Aloe arborescens*) is a member of the Aloe family, which includes hundreds of species. Many are grown as houseplants.

Torch aloe can form large clumps with 1–2 foot tall flower spikes

with coral-red flowers at the tips. There's a variegated selection

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Bulbine

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Bulbine (*Bulbine frutescens*) is a South African native that's popular in Texas and Florida gardens. It forms a clump up to 1 foot tall and 2 feet

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grows best in dry, sunny conditions but can tolerate light

flowers and is reliably hardy in Zones 9–11, possibly cooler if protected through winter.

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Yucca

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Several types of hardy [yucca](#) (*Yucca* spp.) are perennial garden stalwarts, especially in dry gardens. Tall stalks covered in white flowers summer, but the plants likely only bloom every 2–3 years.

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17 | Cholla

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clusters of pink cholla flowers on plant

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Some cholla cacti (*Cylindropuntia* spp.) are hardy to at least -20°F and can grow up to 10 feet tall. The flowers range from greenish-yellow to pink and can last for months throughout summer. Cholla [needs well-drained soil](#) and should be kept dry through winter in cold climates. This plant makes an exciting statement in the garden when given the room to grow to maturity.

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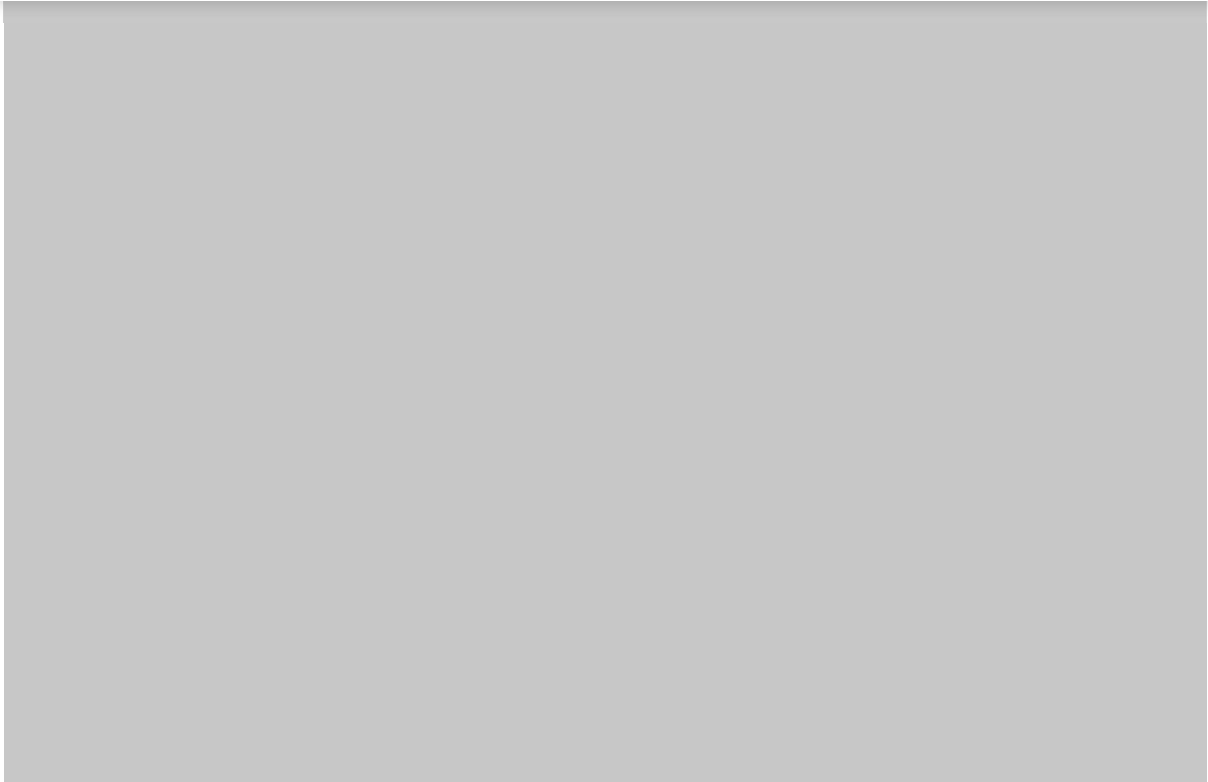


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[Dragon fruit](#) (*Selenicereus* spp.), sometimes called pitaya, is [popular in produce aisles nationwide](#). The massive flowers bloom at night, and each flower lasts only one evening, fading by mid-morning. It is worth staying up late to see it flower in person. It grows well in hot, humid weather and can be grown outdoors in pots and moved indoors in cool climates.

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Ox Tongue

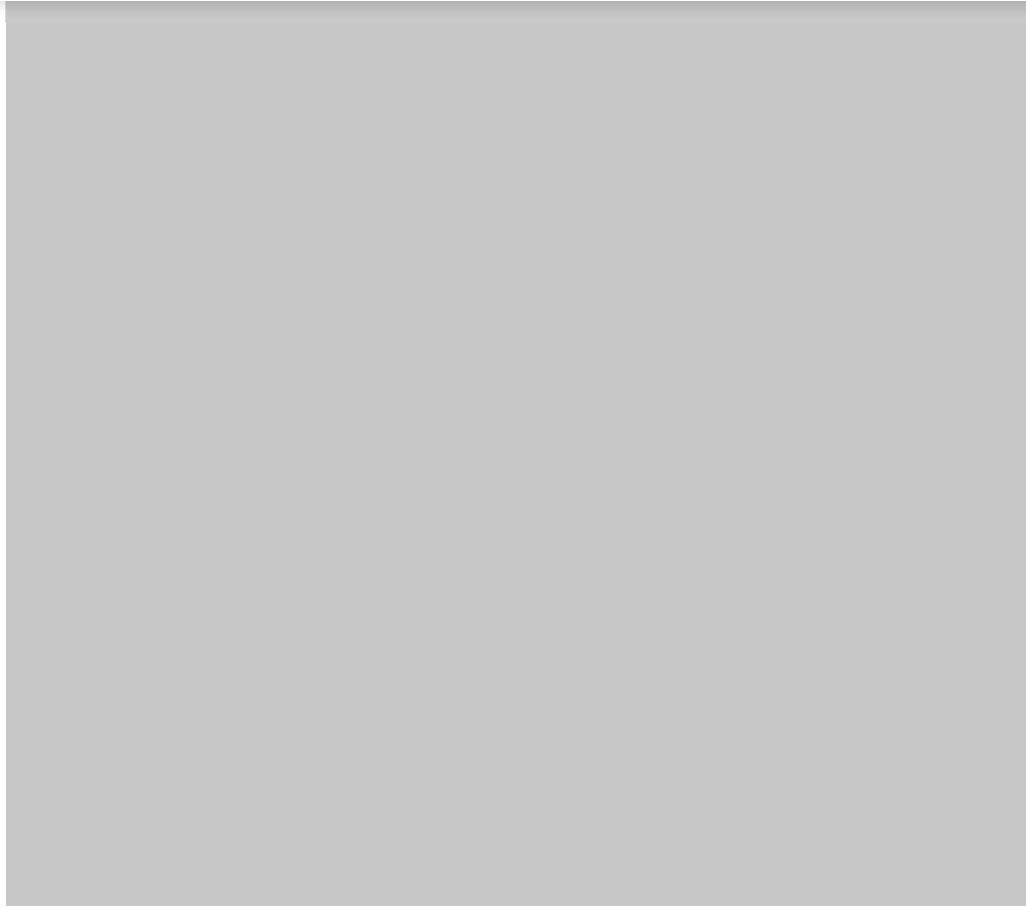



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The robust, fleshy leaves of ox tongue plant (*Gasteria* spp.) are enough reason to grow this plant. It also produces tall flower spikes dangling with orange-pink and yellow-green flowers in early spring. It will grow well in a terracotta pot indoors in a spot with bright light.

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