

# Aeschynanthus pulcher

## *LIPSTICK PLANT*

Lipstick plants are easy indoor flowering houseplants that when given the right amount of light and water, they produce numerous red or orange small tubular flowers that resemble a tube of lipstick. Not only are the flowers colorful, the leaves can be light green, dark green or green and maroon.

**Light:** The Lipstick vine will not bloom without adequate light. They require very bright, indirect light. Avoid placing this plant in full shade or full sun. Direct sun will burn the leaves. The plant needs bright light for a portion of the day, but not all day long.

**Water:** If you allow the top 25% of the soil to dry out before watering, this plant will flower more frequently and more abundant. If the leaves appear soft and shriveled, give it more water. These plants will also lose green leaves when over-watered.

**Fertilizing:** Fertilizer every other week in the Spring and Summer and only monthly in the Fall and Winter with a houseplant food high in phosphorous. Always dilute the fertilizer to  $\frac{1}{2}$  the recommended strength.



### TIPS:

- Lipstick plants like warm temperatures between 75-85°F.
- Prefers high humidity, but will do well in basic household humidity too.
- Trim the long vines to prevent the plant from becoming thin and straggly.
- Lipstick Plants are **Non-Poisonous**.
- Keep a lipstick plant in a small pot will help it produce more flowers. When put into a large container, instead of producing flowers it grows more leaves.