

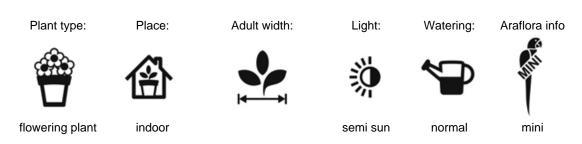
## Begonia bipinnatifida 'Starter plant' (Begonia02a)

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€ 17.44

Begonia bipinnatifida is a rare type of begonia with fern-like leaves from New Guinea. It requires a humid environment and is therefore ideally suited to a terrarium. Araflora supplies a compact plant with pretty pink flowers and deep red leaves





## Product info

In its natural habitat, Begonia bipinnatifida is found on the rocky outcrops of Mount Horne, New Guinea. The deep red, branched stems zigzag slightly from one leaf node to the next. They form a dramatic contrast with the dark-green upper surface of the plant's leaves. The undersides of the leaves are the same deep bordeaux red as the stems. Compound leaves attached to leaf stems are divided into smaller leaflets, creating an overall fern-like appearance. Begonia bipinnatifida can grow to a height of 25-30 centimetres but is easy to keep small. The flowers are tiny but the combination of pink tepals and golden yellow styles and stigmas makes them highly appealing.

Height: 8 cm	ŤĪ	Width: 3 cm	
Flower colour: purple	<b>&amp;</b>	Flower period: all year	<b>€</b>
Product: plant plug		Plant type: flowering plant	
Plant type: terrarium		Growth habit: normal	<b>\$</b> }
Properties: non-edible	<b>®</b>	Growth rate: slow	
Araflora info: mini		Araflora info: new	
Natural habitat: Central America	800	Altitude range: 0-1500 m	<b>₹</b>

## **Plantcare**

With the correct growing environment and care, Begonia bipinnatifida will become an excellent species to enjoy. It needs to be cultivated at normal room temperature with a high level of humidity. A terrarium is ideal, provided the plant is positioned close to a strong light source. Natural light is fine as long as there is no exposure to direct sunlight in the summer months. Begonia bipinnatifida can cope with a wide range of temperatures varying from 10°C to 35°C. However, in winter the temperature must not fall below 15°C. For the rest of the year, the best temperature is around 22°C with 70% humidity. Water moderately with lukewarm water, allowing the top couple of centimetres of the growing medium to dry out before watering again. During the winter rest period, allow the top half of the potting mixture to dry out between waterings. In a terrarium, Begonia bipinnatifida will only need watering a couple of times a year. Good air circulation is not essential but will make the plant less susceptible to disease and infection. A mixture of peat and other material is a suitable kind of growing medium with good drainage. In a terrarium, a fibre-based mixture, for example with coir (coconut fibre), is a suitable potting compound. If Begonia bipinnatifida is not grown in a terrarium it will need feeding with standard liquid fertiliser every two weeks

Care: difficult	<b>47</b>	Place: indoor	圕
Light: semi sun	<b>»</b>	Light: artificial lighting	
Artificial light height: 20-40 cm	<u> </u>	Fertilize: little	NPK 1
Watering: normal		Watering tips: watering from above	
Soil type: terrarium		Air humidity at day: 60-80%	
Air humidity at night: 60-80%	E C	Temperature < 15 °C	查鱼
Day temperature 10-30 °C	MAX	Night temperature 12-18 °C	MAX
Temperature max: 30 °C	<b>J</b>	Temperature min: 15 °C	
Soil type: peat mix		Repotting: after 2 years	