

## Hoya imbricata 'leafcutting' (Hoya25a)

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Hoya imbricata is a spectacular tropical plant with a unique climbing growth habit. When the plant finds a proper structure to climb on the leaves will fold around it. If there is no structure, the leaves will fold around itself and create a tube-like leaf. Besides this spectacular growth habit, this plant will flower with beautiful umbels of fragrant flowers with the right care. This Hoya is a must-have for every Hoya enthusiast or terrarium owner.



Plant type:



plant plug

Place:



indoor

Adult width:



75 cm

Light:



full light

Watering:



normal

Araflora info



non-edible

### Product info

The species name 'Hoya imbricata' translates to 'overlapping Hoya'. This name refers to the peculiar growth habit of shingling leaves. This growth form enables a symbiosis with ants. The plant provides shelter under its shingled leaves, and in return the ants fertilise the plant with their waste (frass). The ants also protect the plant from herbivores by attacking anything disturbing the plant. You do not have to worry about an ant invasion when keeping this plant in your house or terrarium. The plant does not require the ants to thrive and they will not attract ants unless you grow it outside. This species is found throughout south-east Asia and grows epiphytically on lowland rainforest trees. Although the spectacular growth habit and the beautifully camouflaged leaves are enough to make this a very desirable plant, it can also flower with the proper care. The flowers grow in umbels on a perennial stalk called a peduncle. The flowers are beautifully scented and will last a couple of days.

Height:

10 cm



Width:

5 cm



Adult height:

< 5 cm



Adult width:

75 cm



Flower colour:

purple



Flower period:

all year



Product:

plant



Plant type:

plant plug



Plant type:

limited



Growth habit:

creeping



Growth habit:  
epiphytical



Araflora info:  
non-edible



Natural habitat:  
South-East Asia



Growth rate:  
slow



Araflora info:  
limited



Altitude range:  
500-1000 m



## Plantcare

With the proper care this Hoya can be a very easy-to-grow plant. It will require a bit more than regular household conditions to thrive. Humidity ideally is above 60% (preferably around 80%) and temperatures ranging between 22C and 35C. In these conditions the plants can grow at quite a pace. This plant is perfect for a terrarium, but can also be grown under a glass dome or an indoor greenhouse or grow tent. Compared to other Hoyas this species can take a lot of light, and will actually require some direct sunlight (or strong artificial light) to flower. Due to the odd growth habit, this exotic Hoya can best be grown on a mount, but it can also be grown as a crawling or hanging plant. If grown on a mount, it is best to wrap the roots around the mount with some sphagnum. You can also grow this species in soil, but you should use a very well-draining mixture of perlite, orchid bark and a little bit of peat.

Care:  
easy



Place:  
indoor



Place:  
artificial lighting



Light:  
full light



Light:  
semi sun



Artificial light height:  
20-40 cm



Fertilize:  
little



Maintenance:  
can be pruned



Watering:  
normal



Watering tips:  
free draining mixture



Watering tips:  
not standing in water



Watering tips:  
water spraying



Soil type:  
limited



Air humidity at day:  
60-80%



Air humidity at night:  
80-100%



Air movement:  
normal



Temperature  
< 15 °C



Day temperature  
20-30 °C



Night temperature  
12-18 °C



Temperature max:  
35 °C



Temperature min:  
5 °C



Soil ph:  
< 6-7>



Soil type:  
peat/cocos



Repotting:  
after 2 years

