



**Patty's Plants**



## **Getting your Christmas Cactus to Re-bloom**



Getting your Christmas Cactus to re-bloom can be a little frustrating. Everyone always says their grandmother had one and she never did anything to it, every year it bloomed and bloomed. Back in the day, your Grandmother may have had in a room she didn't use as much. It might have been cooler and she might even had the lights turned off early. That's just what it needed. Christmas Cactus need shorter days and longer nights to get them to set their buds. If the lights are on in other rooms that shine into the one with your plant in or if the street lights are on, this could affect the way your plants blooms or don't bloom. They also like the room temperature be around 60 degrees. If you keep your home much warmer than that it may never bloom. What to do step by step;

- February/March– Place in a cool bright spot, water sparingly but enough so as not to let the plant shrivel.
- April/June-Water a little more. Repot in April if needed. It should start to get new growth.
- July/August– Reduce watering again and put in a warm, shaded spot outside if possible. Fertilize at this time.
- September/February– Bring it in the first or second week in September. When you start to see signs of flower buds increase the watering. Try not to move it while it's flowering. Don't let it get to dry either. They both can cause bud drop.
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