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# MAINTENANCE GUIDE PRESERVED PLANTS & MOSS



## BYNATURE PRESERVED PLANTS & MOSS

Mossart and Folia creations are made with 100% natural mosses, flowers, and plants that are no longer living, requiring little to no maintenance—no watering, natural light or trimming required.

Cultivated or harvested according to ecological practices, they are preserved without the use of chemicals by using glycerin (a natural oil) and then dyed in various shades and colours using natural food dyes.

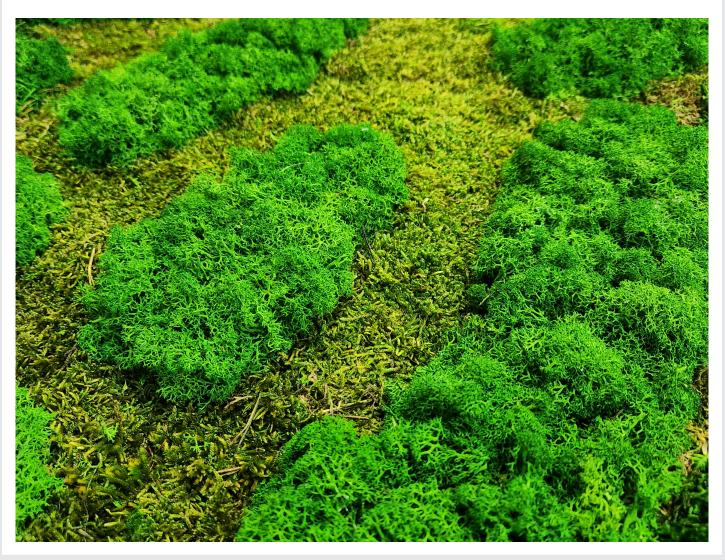
As the oil mimics the water in the plant, the plant maintains a natural "live" appearance for months or years to come (please refer to life expectancy of individual plants):

#### FOLIA

Ranges from 6 months to 1 year (ferns) and up to 5-10 years for plants/flowers.

#### MOSS

About 8+ years.



## HOW TO MAINTAIN PRESERVED MOSSART OR FOLIA PIECES

Preserved products must remain indoors to protect its natural shapes, colours and textures. Please follow the guidelines below to ensure their maximum longevity:

### **HUMIDITY & TEMPERATURE**

Our preserved products respond to the temperature and humidity levels of the room. It is best to keep the moss under humidity levels between 45% and 65% and temperatures between 18°C to 22°C.

In the case of a very dry environment (*below 30% humidity*), reindeer moss may become dry or harden. Some preserved plants can also be affected. It is important not to touch the reindeer moss during this period as it may become more brittle. The reindeer moss can become soft again when humidity levels and temperature return to normal. Larger variations in the moss due to temperature and humidity are usually related to your climate and the presence of seasons. Other types of mosses are not sensitive to humidity changes.

#### NATURAL LIGHT

Preserved moss and plants *do not require natural light*, as they are no longer alive or growing. However, <u>they should not be exposed to direct sunlight</u> for prolonged periods. Excessive sunlight can not only affect the temperature of the space but also cause the natural colours of the plants to fade.

#### **STORAGE & DELIVERY**

Our preserved moss and plant panels can be shipped anywhere in the world. They are shipped in boxes and do not typically require temperature-controlled containers if the transit time is short (within 1–2 weeks). It is important, however, to <u>not store or keep the moss and plants in closed boxes for longer than two weeks</u> as this can expose the plants to *higher than normal humidity levels*. If you need to store the mosses in boxes for longer periods, <u>it is important to open the boxes periodically</u> (and eventually take the panels out of the box) to allow the moss and plants to breathe.

#### DUSTING

Following installation, you do not need to do anything to your preserved plants – in fact, it is best to <u>limit contact</u> and enjoy your new addition as a form of natural art in your space. As the plants are no longer living, they do not attract bacterial loads and with limited touch, they do not attract dust. Should you have an accumulation of dust over time, this can be gently removed using a blow dryer on a low temperature setting or use a plant shine spray (available on Amazon or in most garden centre).

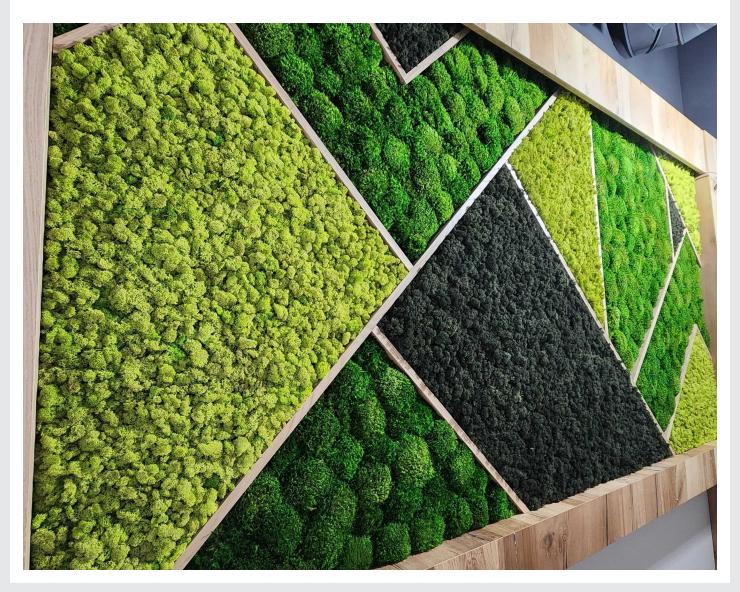
### SCENT

Some of the mosses and plants during their preservation process keep their natural scent. Depending on the plant and the environmental conditions of the space, *you may experience a natural scent for a few months*, which will progressively fade. If you have sensitivities to smells, it is important to speak with your sales representative to ensure you select plants that have either a favourable scent or little to no scent.

#### **TOUCH-UPS & REPLACEMENT**

As preserved products age, some touch-ups may be required. You can speak to a member of our team to see if your product can be resprayed with our preservation solution or if certain plants can be selectively replaced. Depending on the agreed-upon plant selection, you may also consider seasonal maintenance or touch-ups, especially if you are in a drier climate.

For all other maintenance inquiries, do not hesitate to contact us. We hope you enjoy your new Mossart and Folia products!









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