

## Crazy about Cactus & Succulents October 2009

***Mammillaria***– Pincushion Cactus  
(mam-uh-LAIR-ee-uh))

FAMILY: Cactaceae

ORIGIN: Mexico and southwest USA

HABIT: Solitary to clump forming

SIZE: Up to 24” over many years

HARDINESS: Tolerant of sun and dry air

CULTURE: Well drained mix, warm temperatures and minimal water

INTERIOR USE: Desktop and under lights

SPINES: Short white spines arise from areoles

FLOWERS: Yellow, pink and white flowers appear frequently indoors

PROPAGATION: Cuttings and seed

PESTS/DISEASES: Rot, scale

CULTIVARS WORTH NOTING: *Mammillaria celsiana*—white pincushion  
*M. cristata*—contorted mammillaria

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