Marbled Scorpion Beginners Kit – Instruction Sheet



Step 1

Unwrap all the items carefully and place them on a suitable workspace. You should have:

- two small plastic containers one with x-small crickets for feeding, and one with two marbled scorpions in some sphagnum moss.
- An enclosure with lid
- Spray bottle
- Tweezers
- A plastic sachet with two bark hides
- A plastic bag with a mixture of coco-peat and sand

Step 2

First you need to prep the enclosure by placing the coco-peat mixture into the enclosure and firmly pushing the soil down. The soil needs to be spread evenly around to make sure it covers the whole floor area.

Step 3

Now go ahead and fill your spray bottle with water. Test the spray nozzle adjustment by pressing the trigger to see what kind of spray it produces. It needs to be the finest mist you can achieve by turning the front knob of the spray bottle. (The tighter you turn the knob towards the closed position, the finer the mist will be)

Step 4

Now you can go ahead and give the enclosure a quick overall misting – one or two trigger sprays will do. We don't want the enclosure "wet" or soaking.

Step 5

Now it is time to add the two bark hides. First use your finger to draw a little line in the soil where the bark will be going. It is likely that your scorpions would want their own hide each, so make sure they are relatively spaced apart from each other. You want to place them so that there is a cavity between them and the soil. (In other words, you want the round part if the bark facing up like this $\rightarrow \bigcirc$)

Step 6

You are now ready to open the scorpions by cutting through the tape on the sides of the container. This will make it easier to open. You will find there is moist tissue paper at the top. This was placed there to ensure they scorpions have enough moisture in transit (they do not like to be dried out),

Underneath this, is the sphagnum moss and the two scorpions are hiding in there somewhere.... They can be hard to spot, so don't stick your fingers in there! If you have a UV light, this will spot them easily when you shine on them.

You will now need to grab your tweezers and gently lift away the moss – a little by little to try and find the scorpions. When you do, you can gently grab a hold of their tails, using the tweezer (don't squeeze too hard, we don't want to hurt them) and lift them, placing them into the enclosure. It may be easier to just grab the piece of moss that they are clinging to and place them together into the enclosure.

Step 7

You will find that there is quite a bit of moss in the container and you should not put all of it into the enclosure. You should spread some around sparingly, but there should be more soil visible than moss. The excess moss can be kept in the sealed container for future use.

Step 8

You will have one more container left to open. This one contains the feeder crickets. They can be kept in this container but will need to have their carrot piece replaced every other day (when you see it is dried out). They do not bite, but they are pretty jumpy, so take care when you open the container that they don't escape. We find it helpful to transfer them to a taller container – just make sure they have ventilation. If the container is tall enough *more than 20cm) you can even leave the lid off as they cannot jump that high. It is advisable to transfer the egg carton as well as they use it to hide in. You don't need to have any soil in their container, the egg carton is perfect.

Please download our <u>Care Sheet</u> if you have not done this yet to learn how to feed your scorpions.

Here is the link: https://bugfrenzy.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Marbled-scorpion-care-guide.pd

We have also created an <u>"Unboxing Video"</u> of the kit if you would like to follow the instructions along by watching the video instead. Here is the link: https://youtu.be/-hjNZWgVmls

If you still have questions or anything is unclear to you, please feel free to contact us via email at info@bugfrenzy.com.au