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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



Baby Rubber Plant

(*Peperomia obtusifolia*)

Baby Rubber Plant, also known as *Peperomia obtusifolia*, is a compact houseplant with thick, glossy leaves. Its small size and attractive foliage make it a popular choice for indoor gardens and desktop display.



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Origin: South America

Care Level & Placement: Easy care, Indoor plant



Light

They can tolerate lower light conditions, but too much direct sunlight can scorch their leaves. Place them near a window with filtered or partially shaded light for optimal growth.



Water

Baby Rubber Plants are sensitive to overwatering, so it's important not to let them sit in waterlogged soil. Water thoroughly when the top inch of soil feels dry, and reduce watering during winter months.



Soil

Well-draining potting mix that retains some moisture. A mixture of peat moss, perlite, and loamy soil works well.



Fun fact

The name "Baby Rubber Plant" refers to the plant's rubbery texture and compact growth habit. Despite its name, it is not a true rubber plant (*Ficus elastica*).



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Pet Friendliness

Baby Rubber Plants are generally considered non-toxic to pets.



Stress Signs

Drooping Leaves: Drooping or wilting leaves may indicate underwatering. Check the moisture levels in the soil.

Yellowing Leaves: Yellowing leaves can be a sign of overwatering or excessive moisture. Ensure proper drainage and reduce watering if the soil remains consistently wet.

Stunted Growth: If the plant's growth is slow or stunted, it may indicate insufficient light. Move the plant to a brighter location or provide supplemental grow lights to encourage healthy growth.



Botanical Family: Piperaceae

Botanical Name: Peperomia obtusifolia

Common Name: Baby Rubber Plant, Round-Leaf Peperomia



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