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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



Cupid Peperomia

(Peperomia scandens.)

Cupid Peperomia, scientifically known as *Peperomia scandens*, is a charming trailing plant with heart-shaped leaves. Its glossy, emerald-green foliage features unique silver stripes, making it a delightful addition to any indoor garden.



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Origin: Native to Central and South America.

Care Level & Placement: Easy Care, Indoor plant. It thrives in moderate to bright, indirect light.



Light

Provide bright, indirect light for optimal growth. Cupid Peperomia can tolerate lower light conditions but may become leggy with less intense light. Rotate the plant occasionally to ensure even growth.



Water

Allow the top inch of the soil to dry before watering. Cupid Peperomia prefers slightly moist but not waterlogged soil. Overwatering can lead to root rot, so it's better to underwater than overwater. Water thoroughly and allow excess water to drain from the pot.



Soil

Use a well-draining potting mix with a mix of peat moss and perlite or orchid bark. A light, airy mix helps prevent waterlogging. Repot the plant when it outgrows its container.



Fun fact

Cupid Peperomia gets its common name from the heart-shaped leaves that resemble little green hearts, making it a popular choice for Valentine's Day or as a gift for plant enthusiasts.



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Pet Friendliness

Cupid Peperomia is considered non-toxic to cats and dogs, making it a safe choice for households with pets. However, it's always a good practice to discourage pets from chewing on houseplants.



Stress Signs

Drooping Leaves: If the leaves start to droop or appear limp, it may be a sign of underwatering. Give the plant a thorough watering, and it should perk up within a few hours.

Yellowing Leaves: Yellowing leaves can indicate overwatering or poor drainage. Check the soil's moisture level and ensure the pot has adequate drainage to prevent root rot. Adjust your watering routine accordingly.

Leggy Growth: If the plant becomes leggy and loses its compact shape, it may not be receiving enough light. Move it to a slightly brighter location with indirect sunlight to encourage more compact growth. Pruning can also help maintain its shape.



Botanical Family: Piperaceae

Botanical Name: Peperomia scandens.

Common Name: Cupid Peperomia, Heart Leaf Philodendron



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