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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



Friendship Plant

(*Pilea involucrata*.)

Friendship Plant, also known as *Pilea involucrata*, is a charming trailing houseplant appreciated for its delicate, rounded leaves covered in intricate patterns. Its unique appearance makes it a popular choice for indoor plant enthusiasts.



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Origin: Central and South America

Care Level & Placement: Moderate, Friendship Plant is typically grown indoors as a houseplant.



Light

Provide bright, indirect light for your Friendship Plant. Avoid direct sunlight, as it can scorch the leaves. Inadequate light may result in leggy growth.



Water

Keep the soil consistently moist but not soggy. Water when the top inch of soil feels dry to the touch. Ensure that your pot has drainage holes to prevent waterlogged roots.



Soil

Use a well-draining potting mix that retains some moisture but doesn't become waterlogged. A mix formulated for tropical plants is ideal.



Fun fact

The common name "Friendship Plant" originates from its ease of propagation. You can share cuttings with friends and family, making it a symbol of friendship.



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Pet Friendliness

Friendship Plant is non-toxic to cats and dogs, making it a safe choice for pet owners.



Stress Signs

Wilting Leaves: If the leaves start to droop and wilt, it's a sign that the plant needs water. Ensure you maintain consistent moisture levels in the soil to prevent wilting.

Yellowing Leaves: Yellowing leaves can indicate overwatering or poor drainage, causing root rot. Adjust your watering habits to prevent waterlogged soil.

Leggy Growth: If your Friendship Plant starts growing long, spindly stems with larger gaps between leaves, it may not be receiving enough light. Move it to a brighter location to encourage more compact growth and vibrant foliage.



Botanical Family: Urticaceae

Botanical Name: Pilea involucrata.

Common Name: Friendship Plant, Moon Valley Plant.



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