

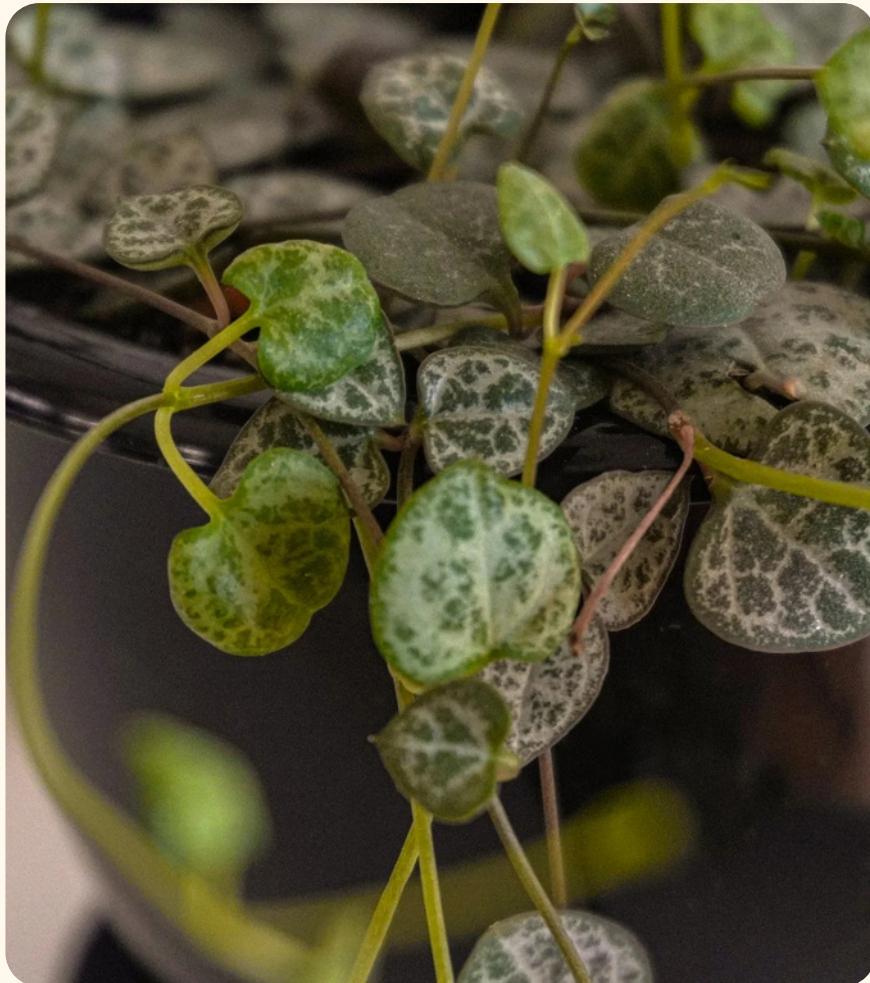


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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



String of Hearts

(Ceropegia woodii)

String of Hearts, scientifically known as *Ceropegia woodii*, is a trailing succulent vine with delicate heart-shaped leaves. The leaves are typically green but can have a variegated pattern of silver or purple. Its trailing growth habit and charming foliage make it a popular choice for hanging baskets and indoor decor.



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Origin: South Africa

Care Level & Placement: Easy Care, Indoor plant, can be grown outdoors in suitable climates



Light

String of Hearts thrives in bright, indirect light. Place it near a window with filtered light or provide bright, indirect light indoors. Avoid exposing it to direct sunlight for prolonged periods, as it can scorch the leaves.



Water

Allow the soil to dry out partially between waterings. Water the plant thoroughly and let the excess water drain away. String of Hearts is drought-tolerant and can withstand periods of dryness better than overwatering. Reduce watering during the winter months.



Soil

Use a well-draining succulent or cactus potting mix. You can also add perlite or sand to improve drainage. Ensure the pot has drainage holes to prevent water accumulation.



Fun fact

The name "String of Hearts" refers to the long, trailing stems with heart-shaped leaves that resemble strings of miniature hearts. It is also known as "Rosary Vine" due to its resemblance to a string of rosary beads.



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Pet Friendliness

String of Hearts is considered non-toxic to pets. While it is generally safe, it's always a good idea to monitor your pets around any plants and discourage them from chewing on the foliage.



Stress Signs

Shriveling or Wrinkling Leaves: Shriveling or wrinkling leaves indicate that the plant is dehydrated and in need of water. Increase the frequency of watering and ensure the soil is adequately moistened.

Yellowing or Browning Leaves: Yellowing or browning leaves can be a sign of overwatering or poor drainage. Check the soil moisture level and adjust your watering practices accordingly. Ensure the pot has proper drainage to prevent waterlogging.

Stunted Growth or Leaf Drop: If the plant's growth becomes stunted, or it starts losing leaves excessively, it may be an indication of insufficient light. Move the String of Hearts to a brighter location with indirect sunlight to promote healthy growth and prevent leaf drop.

Botanical Family: Apocynaceae

Botanical Name: Ceropegia woodii

Common Name: String of Hearts, Chain of Hearts, Rosary Vine



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