

# PEPEROMIA

## Dave's Tips



**PLANT NAME:** PEPEROMIA

**PRODUCT FORM:** UNROOTED CUTTINGS

Peperomia is a vast and diverse group of plants, with over 1,000 species. Foremostco sells about 15-20 varieties. Most are at least to some degree, succulent types. They have lots of different colors, leaf shapes and uses. Some can be used as part of a succulent mix and some are perfect for 4" and 6" foliage programs. These are generally small, easy to grow plants.

**HARDINESS ZONE(S):** 9-11

**TEMPERATURE:** Ideal growing conditions are between 65°-85°F.

**LIGHT LEVELS/INTENSITY:** 30-60%, or 1,500 to 4,500 foot candles is best; they can take more shade, but will not grow as well in heavier shade.

**GENERAL GROWING CONDITIONS:** Peperomia likes medium light, good air circulation, well draining soil and no wet feet.

**FERTILIZER:** Time released fertilizer is good, at a 3-1-2 ratio. Liquid feed is also good. Excessive soluble salts can definitely arise in these, so monitor the EC and keep it under 2.

**DISEASES:** Occasionally Pythium or Phytophthora can affect these. Good water management and a well draining mix can help prevent these from occurring.

**POTENTIAL PESTS:** While not usually prone to insect damage, Caterpillars, Fungus Gnats and Mites (Broad and Cyclamen) can cause problems.

### SOIL MIXTURE

Use a well draining, peat based media with good aeration.

### WATER

Being largely succulent, be careful not to keep them too wet; water when mostly dry. Wet feet can harm them, so a well draining media is best.

### HUMIDITY

Surprisingly, most of these are quite tolerant of lower humidity but best is about 50% and up. pH should be between 6-6.6.



### Growth Rates

Moderate rate of growth, with some differences between varieties. The smaller leaved ones are a little faster than the larger leaved varieties.

### Product Uses

- House plant in 4" and 6" pots
- Ground cover in zones 9-11, depending on variety (some are zone 10-11)
- Part of a succulent mix; component in combination plantings.
- Several varieties also make nice hanging baskets.



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