## Botanical name: Genus: Pilea Species: peperomioides

Common Name(s): Chinese money plant, Pancake plant

**Latin Family Name:** Urticaceae **English Family Name:** 

## The plant

**Origin;** country or region: Native to Yunnan and Sichuan provinces in southern China

Growth habit: Upright, herbaceous perennial

Flower description: Rare occasions when one of these plants will

actually flower.

Blooming period/availability: Perennial

Leaf/Foliage Description: Shiny, dark green, coin shaped leaves

Usage:

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

The new 'cute little kid on the block' plant

(Has become the houseplant on everyone's wish list)

Remains fairly small- ideal as a table top show plant or as hanging

basket plant

They look striking grown on their own as individual plants, or next to other plants to create an attractive display

Truly one of the easiest going and good natured houseplants around

Cute and unique they're super simple all occasion give aways

Good for terrariums

Pilea peperomioides are non-toxic so they are

safe to be around pets

and children

**WEAKNESS:** 

This plant is somewhat brittle, leaves snap off easily, so keep it somewhere your cat or kids can't

accidentally damage it



The Pilea is a true gem. It's playful, very pleasing to the eye

## Care & Handling

Longevity:

**Water requirements:** Plant likes to be thoroughly watered and then left alone until it almost dries out before watering again

**Light:** As long as you avoid shady places they will grow happily all over the home

You'll see a lot of succulent like qualities - tough waxy leaves, thick stems etc. ...these are all indications the plant will cope with strong bright light and even some direct sunlight

**Soil/Nutrition requirements:** A standard all purpose potting mix is all these plants need

**Special care/remarks:** If you want to keep the plant bushy, pinch out the growing tips of Pilea houseplants

The plant grows like crazy and then grows little babies so you can share it with friends! or you'll be able to propagate so many you'll easily have a steady supply to gift....

