PILEA

REGION OF ORIGIN

South=Central China

LIGHT

Bright, indirect light is best. Avoid intense direct sunlight, which can burn the leaves. The plant can be placed several feet from a bright window or receive light filtered through sheer curtains or blinds.

SOIL

For tropical plants, we recommend using our Rooted Goods All-Purpose Potting Mix, Uncle Mike's Organic Potting Mix, or Espoma's Organic Potting Mix. All three options are great choices for ensuring healthy growth and thriving plants.

WATER

Consider Pileas to be a bit like Goldilocks, they want their watering to be "just right". Allow the top inch or so of soil to dry before watering thoroughly, and avoid letting the plant sit in standing water.

FERTILIZER

We recommend fertilizers like Espoma Organic Indoor! Houseplant Food, Jack's Houseplant Special, or Organic Plant Magic. These options provide essential nutrients to keep your plants vibrant and thriving. Feed during active growth in spring and summer, following product directions.

TEMPERATURE

Keep between 65˚F and 75˚F (18˚C to 24˚C). Protect from cold drafts and heating or cooling vents. Pilea appreciates moderate humidity but generally adapts well to typical household conditions.

ISSUES + FIXES

Overwatering can lead to root rot, while wet foliage may contribute to leaf spots. Avoid allowing the plant to sit in water and provide good air circulation. Watch for common pests such as spider mites, mealybugs, fungus gnats, and scale. Leggy growth can be a sign that the plant needs brighter light.

PRUNING & PROPAGATION

Remove yellow or damaged leaves as needed. Pilea is easy to propagate from the small offsets, or "pups," that develop around the parent plant. These can be separated and rooted during active growth in spring or summer. Stem cuttings can also be propagated.

PET FRIENDLY ?

Non-toxic to pets, making it a safe addition to pet-friendly households