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***Pilea Peperomioides* - “Coin Plant,” “UFO,” or “Pancake Plant”**

Light: *Pilea peperomioides* do well in bright, filtered light, though some direct sun is beneficial to maintain an upright shape. An east- or west-facing windowsill would be ideal.

Water: *Peperomioides* prefer to dry out a bit between waterings. Water the soil thoroughly once the top quarter of the soil feels dry. This will likely be around every 10–14 days depending on the size of the plant and the amount of light it receives. Do not leave the plant sitting in a saucer of water for an extended period of time, as this can lead to root rot.

Environment: In general, *pilea* prefer temperatures between 60-75 degrees and high humidity with optimal air circulation. Apply a water-soluble fertilizer about 1-2 times a month in the spring and summer when they are actively growing. It is recommended to rotate the plant regularly for even growth and a straight stem.

Toxicity: *Pilea peperomioides* are reported to be non-toxic

Of Note:

- Root rot due to overwatering is the most common cause of death in *P. peperomioides*.
- Another common nickname is “friendship plant” because they are very easy to propagate and share with friends. Propagate by separating a “pup” from the mother at the soil level, then plant into a new container with potting soil. A rooting hormone can increase the likelihood that the cutting will root successfully.
- A mature plant may need a stake to keep upright as it grows taller.