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***Tradescantia* - "Spiderwort"**

Light: Tradescantia love bright, indirect light. The brighter the light, the deeper the colors. It can tolerate some cool direct sun, such as that from an east-facing exposure, but may burn in afternoon rays.

Water: Tradescantia are susceptible to root rot, so be careful not to overwater. Look out for signs of moisture imbalance (yellow usually indicates overwatering, while brown and crispy usually indicates underwatering). Allow the top inch or so of soil to dry before giving the plant an even, thorough watering. Allow to dry slightly more during the winter months. Try to water the soil and not directly on the crown of the plant.

Environment: Native to eastern Mexico and the Americas, the tradescantia is an invasive plant that now grows around the world. Tradescantia grows leggy with age. When they get leggy, however, you can take cuttings and propagate the plant to restore a bushy appearance.

Toxicity: Reported to be mildly toxic. Avoid ingestion as it can cause irritation or illness in pets.

Of Note:

- Pruning is an important part of tradescantia care. It helps the plant from growing stretched out and decreases the dead foliage that attracts pests like aphids and spider mites.
- Propagating Tradescantia is relatively simple. They can regrow from cuttings in water, cuttings planted directly in soil, or cuttings laid on the soil top.

*When planting in a pot without a drainage hole, avoid over watering by estimating 25% of the container's overall volume, with appropriate drainage materials incorporated when planting.