

**I tsy Bitsy Inch Vine / Wandering Jew**  
**Aka: Bolivian Jew, Turtle Vine, Baby's Tears**  
**"Tradescantia minima, Callisia Repens"**  
**Growing Instructions**



**Hardiness:** USDA Zone 10 For colder zones, keep as a houseplant or take cuttings in the fall to overwinter indoors.

**Uses:** House plants, hanging baskets, shady ground cover.

Multiplies and spreads extremely quickly creating a luxurious mat of leaves that are green above and purple below with purple stems. The purple undersides of the leaves gives the whole plant a purple 'glow' - it's very

lovely and rich!

This plant is useful to keep those potted plants from drying out as it will form a thick mat at the base of taller plants. I grow it in ALL my containers that have taller plants in them - it looks GREAT hanging down the sides of the containers and acts as a natural 'mulch' around the base of the plants, too. It also makes excellent hanging baskets that can grow as much as 3' in a single season.

I have grown this as an annual groundcover for several years just by keeping a few sprigs going through the winter in my greenhouse. Propagation is easy. Simply lay a few small (or as many as you like!) sprigs in moist soil, watering regularly.

It is a perennial to USDA Zone 10, but I have had some of these survive under an oak canopy in zone 9. They make EXCELLENT house plants, growing very well in containers at home or the office.

**Planting instructions:**

These root VERY, VERY EASILY - simply lay your cuttings down in a pot or on the ground and cover **lightly** with some soil and keep lightly moist - within just a few days you'll see the new leaves popping up everywhere and before long you'll have a luxurious mat of green and purple leaves covering your container. Keep moist until you see new growth starting, then they can be reduced to average watering.

Plant either in a pot, hanging basket or on the ground in a shady spot. These will grow faster if given more water, but can survive quite dry conditions. One order will nicely start a 10" hanging basket. Keep in a warm location.

If you have any problem at all, please don't hesitate to email me!

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