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## Moses-in-a-Basket / Cradle BoatLily, Oyster Plant, Moses in a Basket, Moses in a Cradle

*Tradescantia Spathacea*

### Growing Instructions

**Hardiness:** USDA Zone 9. For colder zones, keep as a houseplant or over winter indoors.

**Uses:** House plants, hanging baskets, shady ground cover or edging plant in tropical areas.

These are SUPER EASY to grow and make EXCELLENT house plants in any zone or landscape plants in zones 9-11. They have rich green leaves which are accented by deep purple on the undersides. They multiply fairly quickly, so starting with 1 or 2 plants you'll have a nice group in just one season. These can grow in part shade to full sun and are happy in about any soil that isn't too wet; allow the top of the soil to dry between waterings. They make nice ground covers or edging plants in tropical zones (but they do multiply quickly, so be sure to plant with care).

They make EXCELLENT house plants, growing very well in containers at home or the office.

### Planting instructions:

Your plant has roots already, so simply plant in the container (or directly in the ground in warm zones) of your choice; You should plant it **DEEPER** than the original roots – plant so that the leaves start about two inches above the soil line. You may have to lay it down in the soil and cover the stem if it is curved; it will develop more roots on any part of the stem you plant. Keep moist, but not soggy, and in FULL SHADE for a few days (7-10) to allow the plant to recover from the shipping, then they can be reduced to average watering. They can then grow on in deep to bright shade, filtered sun or even full sun after the initial recovery time. These can survive fairly dry conditions, but grow best with average watering. **Don't overwater or allow water to stand on your plants or you may rot the stem.** Keep in a warm location. If any part of the stem gets broken on your plant, remove the lower leaves and plant the broken piece in soil and it will root. Your plants will multiply, so be sure to plant in a container that allows plenty of room for that. When the container gets full, divide your plants and share with friends or move to a larger container.



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If you receive a large plant with multiple stems, you can divide them stems and make individual plants out of them (they will spread faster this way) or leave as one group. Be sure to plant deep, right up to the beginning of the leaves. If there is a ribbon around the stem, that is the approximate line for planting, but a little above or below won't hurt; deeper is better, they will form roots and new plants along the part that is buried.



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

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