

Purple Heart, 'Purple Queen' Wandering Jew, Inch Plant

"Tradescantia pallida"

Growing Instructions



Hardiness: USDA Zone 9 For colder zones, keep as a houseplant.

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

This Wandering Jew gets small, delicate pink flowers during most of the summer that really stand out on the purple foliage. It is a perennial to USDA Zone 9 (for certain, because that is where I live) where it can be used as a ground cover under your taller specimen plants or around the base of

trees. They grow best in shade or partial sun. They also make EXCELLENT house plants, especially in hanging baskets, growing very well in containers at home or the office.

These plants thrive in high humidity and will reach 18"-24" long/tall. They can grow in partial sun or full shade locations and would be great as a houseplant. They can survive dry conditions - they are quite tough and easy to grow and multiply quickly sending runners across the ground which will root or, if in a hanging baskets, you can clip some and root it yourself in a container or on the ground for even more plants.

Planting instructions:

Plant either in a pot, hanging basket or on the ground in a shady spot. If there are any roots on you cuttings, make sure the roots are completely covered with soil; otherwise, cover bottom 3"-5" of stem with soil. I usually lay them down on the soil and cover rather than trying to stand them straight up in the soil as they tend to break easily. Provide average water; **do not over water**; use well draining soil, **do not let water stand**. These can survive very dry conditions. Keep in a warm location. If any of the stems have broken during shipping, either lay them down and cover the broken ends with soil or, if they are short, you can stick them down in the soil (you may have to remove some of the leaves to get at least 2"-3" of stem into the soil). Keep moist (but not soggy! Too dry is better than too wet) until you see new growth starting, then they can be reduced to average watering.

If planted outside, these plants will die back with frost/freezing temps but will return in the spring if they don't get too cold. Mine return every year; they are under an oak canopy but we do get temperatures in the 20's during the winter (although not for long durations).

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

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