

# Laekenensis Rainbow Wandering Jew, Inch Plant (Tradescantia fluminensis)

## AKA: Rainbow Vine Growing Instructions



**Hardiness:** USDA Zone 9. For colder zones, keep as a houseplant or take cuttings in the fall to overwinter indoors.

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

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 on moist soil, cover lightly with soil and watering regularly.

It is a perennial to USDA Zone 9. They make EXCELLENT house plants, growing very well in containers at home or the office.

### Planting instructions:

Plant your cuttings by laying them down in the soil – either in a pot, hanging basket or on the ground in a shady spot. Cover any roots on your cuttings with soil (about ½" deep). If there are no roots, then lay the cuttings down horizontally on the soil and cover the bottom of the stem (where I have removed the leaves) with about ½" of soil and keep damp (but not soggy) at least until you see them begin to grow; then reduce to average watering. Don't keep them too wet or let water stand on them, as that will rot the stems. These plants grow best in shady areas and can grow in fairly dry conditions but will thrive with regular watering. Keep in a warm location.

If planted outside in zone 9 and warmer, 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 generally for long durations).

These plants can become invasive in tropical areas - plant with care! These make excellent house plants, as they require very little light.

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