

## Spider Plants (Rooted Plants) - Planting/Growing Instructions

*(Chlorophytum comosum)*

I suggest planting 3-4 plants per 10" planter/basket for fastest results. Spider plants need to be root-bound before they will start shooting off new babies, so keep that in mind when planting. Of course, you may place each plant in it's own 4" pot; it's completely up to you. You can also plant these directly in the ground as a border or ground cover in a shady area, but, since they need to be root bound to put off new babies, you likely won't get many off-shoots from those in the ground.

Place the plants in potting soil, burying the root system completely in the soil. Water well, wetting the leaves (and any babies), as well. Because of their tuberous roots, spider plants can take rather dry conditions, but will thrive if kept fairly moist; I water mine weekly. If you see their leaves beginning to droop or curl you've let them get too dry. It is especially hard to keep them well watered after they become root-bound in the pot, so make sure to water frequently and soak thoroughly as they get older. If they get too root bound to water effectively; either move them to a larger pot or divide the plants and put in 2 or more containers. Fertilize with a 'Miracle Grow' type fertilizer according to package directions. Place in a bright area of your home or yard, but out of direct sunlight.

These make excellent house plants in hanging baskets or raised on a pedestal or plant ledge so the babies and delicate white blooms can cascade down. They are also excellent outside in a shady spot in a hanging basket or grown as ground cover directly on the ground. They are hardy to 30° F. I have some growing outside in the ground in zone 9 and, although they may freeze back, they always seem to come back each year.

In recent years this plant has been recognized as having particular beneficial properties in cleansing and ridding the air of pollutants. This makes them **WONDERFUL** in an office environment to cleanse the air of the pollutants emitted from photocopiers, cell phones and computer monitors.