

PLANT NAME: TRADESCANTIA

- **Light Requirements:**

- Place your Tradescantia in bright, indirect light for optimal growth.
- It can tolerate some direct sunlight, but avoid intense midday sun as it may scorch the leaves.

- **Watering:**

- Water your Tradescantia when the top inch of soil feels dry to the touch.
- Ensure thorough watering, allowing water to flow out from the drainage holes.
- Avoid overwatering, as it can lead to root rot. Allow the soil to dry partially between watering.

- **Humidity:**

- Tradescantia prefers moderate to high humidity levels. Mist the leaves occasionally or place a humidifier nearby.
- This is especially important in dry indoor environments, especially during the winter months.

- **Temperature:**

- Tradescantia prefers temperatures between 65°F to 80°F (18°C to 27°C).
- Protect it from drafts and sudden temperature fluctuations.

- **Fertilization:**

- Feed your Tradescantia with a balanced, water-soluble fertilizer every two to four weeks during the growing season (spring and summer).
- Follow the package instructions for proper dosage.

- **Pruning:**

- Trim back leggy or overgrown stems to maintain a compact shape.
- Pinching off the tips of the stems can encourage bushier growth.

- **Propagation:**

- Tradescantia can be propagated easily by stem cuttings.
- Cut a healthy stem just below a node, remove the lower leaves, and place it in water or moist soil until roots develop.

- **Pests and Diseases:**

- Watch out for common houseplant pests such as spider mites, aphids, and mealybugs. Treat infestations promptly with an appropriate insecticide.
- Overwatering can lead to root rot, so make sure to provide adequate drainage.

- **Additional Tips:**

- Rotate your Tradescantia periodically to ensure even growth.
- Dust the leaves gently with a soft cloth to keep them clean and allow for better light absorption.
- Remember to observe your plant closely and adjust the care routine as needed. With proper attention and care, your Tradescantia will thrive and add beauty to your indoor space.

