

The **Baby Tears plant** (*Soleirolia soleriolii*) is a charming and low-maintenance houseplant known for its tiny, round, green leaves that create a lush carpet-like effect. Here's how to care for it:

1. Light:

- Baby Tears prefers bright, indirect light but can also tolerate some lower light conditions.
- Avoid direct sunlight, as it can scorch the leaves and cause them to turn brown or crispy.

2. Watering:

- Keep the soil consistently moist, but not soggy. Baby Tears does best in high humidity, so avoid letting the plant dry out completely between waterings.
- Mist the plant occasionally to boost humidity or place it on a humidity tray.

3. Soil:

- Well-draining, light, and slightly acidic soil is ideal. A peat-based mix or a general indoor plant mix with added perlite should work well.

4. Temperature:

- Baby Tears thrives in moderate to warm temperatures, ideally between **60°F - 75°F (15°C - 24°C)**.
- Protect from drafts or extreme temperature fluctuations.

5. Pruning:

- Prune any long or leggy stems to keep the plant compact and encourage new growth. You can also trim off any dead or yellowing leaves.

6. Repotting:

- Baby Tears typically grows as a spreading ground cover, so you may need to repot when it outgrows its container or when the soil becomes compacted. Repot in early spring, just before the growing season starts.

7. Common Problems:

- **Yellowing leaves:** This can be due to overwatering or poor drainage. Ensure the pot has proper drainage and avoid letting it sit in water.
- **Leggy growth:** If the plant isn't getting enough light, the stems can stretch and become leggy. Move it to a brighter spot and prune back.

This plant is ideal for a terrarium, hanging basket, or as ground cover in a larger container. Enjoy the lush, cascading look it provides!

