

Ripple Peperomia (*Peperomia caperata*) is a popular, low maintenance houseplant known for its attractive and textured heart-shaped leaves. Here are some care tips to help it thrive:

Light:

- **Bright indirect light** is ideal. Avoid direct sunlight, as it can scorch the leaves. A spot near a window with filtered light works well.

Watering:

- Water the plant when the top 1-2 inches of soil feels dry. Be cautious not to overwater, as they are prone to root rot.
- Make sure the pot has drainage holes to allow excess water to escape.
- Reduce watering in the winter when the plant is not actively growing.

Temperature:

- Ripple Peperomias prefer **warm temperatures** between **65°F to 75°F (18°C to 24°C)**.
- They don't tolerate cold drafts, so keep them away from chilly windows or doors.

Humidity:

- Peperomias like **moderate humidity**, but they can tolerate average indoor humidity levels. To increase humidity, you can mist the plant occasionally or place it near a humidifier.

Soil:

- Well draining, **light potting mix** works best. A peat-based mix or a mix designed for succulents and cacti will help with drainage.

Pruning and Cleaning:

- You can prune dead or damaged leaves to keep the plant looking neat.
- Clean the leaves gently with a damp cloth to remove dust, as this helps the plant to photosynthesize efficiently.

Repotting:

- Peperomias have a slow growth rate and don't need frequent repotting. Repot every 1-2 years or when the plant outgrows its pot.

Common Problems:

- **Yellow leaves:** Often caused by overwatering or poor drainage.
- **Leaf drop:** Could be due to temperature stress, underwatering, or low humidity.

With the right care, Ripple Peperomia is a resilient and attractive plant!

