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Plant Party!

Today, we'll explore three effortlessly manageable plants that are not only easy to care for but also safe for pets and perfect for enhancing your home or dorm environment.

Pilea Peperomioides

Pilea peperomioides, also referred to as the Chinese Money Plant or Pancake Plant, is one of the easiest plants that I have cared for to date. These plants absolutely love water and direct sunlight. Water this plant weekly for optimal care, but if placed in a bright spot, consider providing it with hydration twice a week for enhanced well-being. To further allow the plant to thrive, periodically rotate the pot, to ensure it receives light from all angles. This plant is also very easy to propagate if you want to make more!



Piperaceae

Let's delve into the second plant of the day – the Piperaceae, commonly recognized as Peperomia or Radiator Plant. These plants are cute and with the right amount of indirect sunlight they will flourish. I water these guys around once a week or when the top of the soil is dry. They will also communicate to you when they are thirsty, as the arms of these plants will begin to droop. Additionally, Peperomia boasts a diverse array of species, each presenting unique shapes and a vibrant spectrum of colors.



Chlorophytum Orchidastrum

Finally, consider adding the vibrant Chlorophytum orchidastrum, commonly known as the Fire Flash Spider Plant, to bring a touch of excitement to your home. I always joke around and call this my cantaloupe plant as it has its bright orange bottom and green top. Thriving on water and indirect sunlight, the Fire Flash plant flourishes even in low-light settings, preserving its vibrant colors that might fade under direct sunlight. If taken care of these plants can get quite large, so make sure you have a big pot ready in the future!



Managing these three plants is a breeze. To safeguard against root rot, ensure proper drainage at the base of your pots for optimal care. Otherwise, enjoy!

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