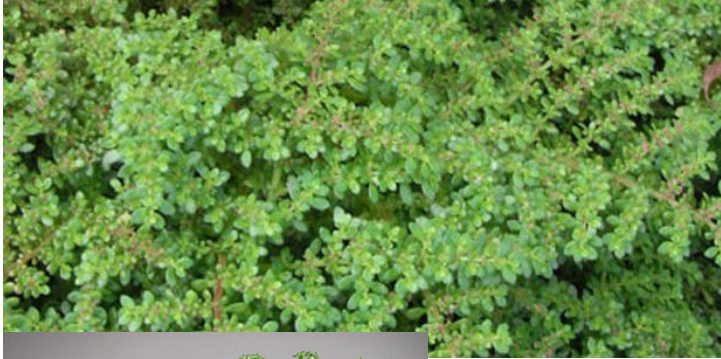


Artillery Fern



The Artillery Fern is an easy plant to grow. Small, densely branched succulent upright stems arch with tiny "Fern Mimic" tear-drop leaves. It gets the name Artillery Fern from the way

it ejects its seeds from the brownish colored seed pods with a pop. An experiment; When the seed pods appear on the stems place the Artillery Fern on a three foot square sheet of white paper and see how far can this plant "fire" its seeds!

Pilea microphylla 'Artillery'

- **Use:** Grown for their attractive foliage, although their flowers are of no great interest. Troughs, hanging baskets, and dish gardens display these gems to best advantage.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Morning sun to light shade outdoors; bright indirect light indoors. Water when top inch of soil is dry to the touch and sparingly in winter. Moist, well-drained soil. No fertilizer is needed the first few months after planting, then feed at monthly intervals with a water-soluble house plant fertilizer. Day and night temperatures of 60-75°F are fine year round. Mist leaves regularly to maintain humidity and pinch to keep the plant bushy.
- **Growth:** Grows 8-12" tall and wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 11-12, Annual, Houseplant;
- **Foliage:** Abundant, tiny, obovate to rounded, succulent, light green leaves (1/4" to 1/2" long) appear on this small shrubby plant, giving it an almost fern-like appearance.
- **Flower:** . Tiny greenish flowers are not particularly showy. Male flowers explosively discharge pollen into the air, hence the common name of artillery plant. Indoor plants rarely flower and fruit.