## Velvet Leaf Philodendron Basket





This plant filters pollutants from the air while releasing oxygen. With this plant in your home, you breathe cleaner air.

Native to the tropical regions of Mexico and the Caribbean, philodendron micans is a stunning philodendron valued for its velvety, heart-shaped leaves and trailing growth habit. It has become extremely popular as a houseplant that looks great in hanging planters or climbs moss poles or trellises.

## Philodendron micans

- <u>Use:</u> This plant is great for beginners and quite easy to care for despite it's luxurious appearance. While it produces flowers in the wild, it is extremely rare for it to flower indoors, and compared to the eye-catching foliage, the flowers are insignificant. Not for human or animal consumption.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Grows well in bright indirect light. In lower light the leaves turn a darker green. Too much light or direct sun burns the leaves. Likes slightly acidic soil that is moist but not soggy. During the winter, water less often, keeping the soil barely moist. Do not let plant stand in water in saucer either. Feed monthly during the spring, summer, and fall with a water-soluble balanced fertilizer diluted to ½ the recommended strength. Too much plant food causes excess salt build up in the soil and can cause leaf burn.
- <u>**Growth</u>:** As a vining plant, it can grow several feet long, with vines extending up to 6-10 feet or more, depending on growing conditions and support, but don't worry you can easily prune them.</u>
- *Hardiness:* Zone 11-12 Annual; Houseplant, must bring inside in the winter or when temps go below 50 degrees.
- **Foliage:** Sports beautifully deep green velvety leaves on crawling vines. The reverse side of the leaf shown below displays a lovely burgundy / rust color that provides even more visual interest.
- **<u>Flower</u>**: None that are noticeable in indoor cultivation.