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<p>Scientific Name: <i>Peperomia obtusifolia</i> Family: <i>Piperaceae</i> Pronunciation: pep-per-ROE-mee-uh Ob-too-siff-FOLE-leeuh (Gilman, 2007)</p>	<p>Plant Type: Foliage plant; herbaceous; not cold tolerant (Floridata.com).</p>
 <p>Image credit: zimmerpflanzen-faq.de</p>	<p>Common Names: Peperomia; Baby Rubber Plant. (Gilman, 2007).</p>
	<p>Uses & Care: Container or above-ground planter; mass planting; naturalizing; suitable for growing indoors.</p> <p>Growing in partial to deep shade, Peperomia will thrive in moist, rich, organic soils or less fertile sandy soils. Although preferring high humidity, it must have well-drained conditions to avoid stem and root rot. Plant on 12- to 18-inch centers for quick establishment as a ground cover. (Gilman, 2007; Floridata.com)</p>
<p>Origin & Geography: Not native to North America. Mexico to Northern South America and West Indies. (Missouri Botanical Garden).</p> <p>USDA Zone: 10-12 (Missouri Botanical Garden; Gilman, 2007).</p>	<p>Cultivars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Marble”: creamy white/grayish green leaves • ‘Minima’: Dwarf cultivar • ‘Variegata’: border of creamy white with a central zone of dark green and grayish green leaf pattern. (Gilman, 2007). <p>Propagation: Peperomias are most easily propagated by division, but will also grow from stem or leaf cuttings (Floridata, 2001).</p>

<p>Light Requirements: Bright indirect light. Can thrive in partial shade. (Missouri Botanical Garden; Gilman, 2007)</p>	<p>Pests: Main pest problems is mites (Gilman, 2007).</p>
<p>Diseases: Susceptible to stem and root rots due to over-watering, poor drainage (Gilman, 2007).</p>	<p>Water Requirements: It is best to err on the dry side when growing Peperomia. (Missouri Botanical Garden).</p>
<p>Narrative Description:</p> <p>The Peperomia obtusifolia is a common houseplant in North America. The plant typically ranges from .5 to 1 foot in height, and can spread from 1 to 2 feet in a large container or in the ground. The plant's habit is to spread with open density at a moderate rate.</p> <p>This plant's flowers are not showy. Flowers are long, somewhat dusty tendrils (Gilman, 2007; Floridata.com; Missouri Botanical Garden).</p>	

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Website Evaluation Checklist

Choose one (1) of the websites that you **DID NOT** use to develop your plant information sheet. Using the CARP criteria, fill in the following worksheet about this one website.

Website address: <http://www.gardeningknowhow.com/houseplants/peperomia/growing-peperomia-houseplants.htm>

<i>Evaluation Criteria</i>	<i>Prompts</i>	<i>Summary & Discussion</i>
Currency	When was the article/site published? Is there a date available on the site somewhere? (published or copyright) Is the timeliness of the information important for your use?	Not sure. There is a copyright date for the whole website.
Authority	Who is the author of the article/website? What are their credentials? Why would you trust his/her information? Who is the owner/sponsor of the website?	The author doesn't have any apparent credentials. She co-wrote a book but it is self-published. I'm not sure I would trust her information based on this. This website pays people to write articles and it is not at all clear who owns the site. They say they are gardeners but that means nothing in terms of authority. Lots of people are gardeners.
Audience	Who is the audience? Who are they writing this for? Is it for professionals or the average consumer?	The audience is clearly non-professionals.
Reliability	Does the site use references to other materials? Is the author a reliable source? Would you use the website for other information needs later (did	No, the only "references" are links to pages that advertise or to companies. I would not use this site again.

	you bookmark it?☺)	
Relevance		
	Does the terminology used in the article/site relate to your research? Is it at a professional or consumer level?	There was some terminology but it wasn't enough to impress me. Plus, there's no references to the facts.
Purpose &/or Point of View		
	What is the article/website's purpose? What is their point of view? Are they trying to teach you or sell you something? Is the author trying to persuade you? Is their information one-sided? Watch for bias.	I think this site's purpose is to make us see advertisements. It is concerning that the authors of the articles are paid to develop content for the site. So, they are motivated to write a lot of short articles and may fudge information.
Summarize		
Put it all together. Reflect on your evaluation process.	In less than 3 sentences, discuss why this website was not as valuable as the ones you ended up using in your plant information sheet.	I discarded this site because it had red flags in most of the CARP criteria. Since I was going after factual information and this site gave me no references, I did not feel confident in using it in my project.