## **Springtime Anytime!**

The gift that keeps on giving is the Spider plant. Native to coastal Africa, this common American household plant is known for longevity via the 'plantlets' it sprouts. When the snow makes the world white, bring nature's greenery indoors through a family tree of offspring for the home!

While you're at it, upgrade your pots with a coat of latex or spray paint. Experiment with stencils, painter's tape, and Pollock-style' brush-flicks. Freshen your space, purify your air, and even share this beautiful plant as a gift for a teacher or housewarming present.

And after watching the roots grow, let your child start to learn the responsibility of watering their plant...and future plantlets!

## <u>Materials</u>

- Chlorophytum comosum (the Spider plant) or other clippings
- Glass jars with fresh water
- Pots and planters all sizes welcome!
- Potting soil
- Acrylic, latex or spray paint
- Small paint brushes, table covers, stencils, and your imagination!

## Must Know Tips!

- If your spider plant has pushed up the soil, it's time to transplant it to a larger pot.
- If your plant has lost its contrasting streak down the center, give it more sunlight.
- If the plant has brown tips on the leaves, it needs more frequent watering.
- Also, the plant does not like chlorinated water.



## <u>Method</u>



Spider plants enjoy indirect sunlight and are hearty to survive long stretches between watering.

Once the **plantlets** have at least 5 leaves or are 5 inches long, clip and set in a vase or mason jar filled with water. Watch the roots sprout!

Up next, when the plant's roots are at least 1 inch long, use potting soil and **replant** in a 4 inch pot. Or, cluster of a few plants in a 12 inch pot. Remember to try new **paint upgrades** for your mismatched or plain terra cotta or plastic pots.

Checkout "oops" paint samples for a **bargain** on clearance to try a pop of color!





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