

# ¡Buena suerte!

## MONEY PLANT CUTTINGS

Newcastle Foundation

Stop for a moment and reflect. What you are holding in your hands is not a more or less realistic, pop or Japanese anime-style reproduction of a plant. You have been given a wish for Good Luck! by the express will of the artist Ruth Gómez, who carried out a similar action in her exhibition of the same name a few months ago. This plant, whose screen-printed version you have been able to see at the New Castle Foundation, is called *Plectranthus Veriticillatus*, commonly known as the money plant. In America they call it the "dollar plant". This, and not any other, was chosen by the artist following a line of chained thoughts. The first, of a scientific nature and with metaphorical implications, is that it forks extraordinarily quickly: if it breaks, if someone cuts it down, it will take root again and proliferate abundantly when it returns to the earth. Related to the previous one: this plant, in the face of adversity, grows and multiplies while maintaining its beauty intact. It has a proverbial capacity to regenerate itself and lead a new prodigal life. Finally, and in a symbolic or liturgical way: this plant, according to custom, brings wealth to those who give it as a gift. You have received it as a gift. In a world whose palpable economic crisis is dragging you into a moral crisis, where minds and their ideas are suffocated by peremptory material needs, it is intended to help you regain your illusion. Getting better is possible. Don't lose it.

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