

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical classification	Aeonium ‘Mardi Gras’
Delivery size	6.5 cm pot · approx. 15 cm total height
Family	Crassulaceae
Classification	Named Aeonium hybrid breeding selection documented in the original record
Growth	Perennial compact rosette succulent; side shoots may develop later
Leaf colours	Creamy yellow and green with pink to burgundy outer leaves; intensity varies
Later size	Compact structure; no binding final height established for this particular offer
Position	Very bright; introduce sun gradually and consider summer heat
Winter	Bright frost-free growing position; adjust water to actual growth

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Start	Inspect the root ball and rosette centre after unpacking.	The small 6.5 cm pot can dry differently from what a larger outer pot suggests.
Light	Place very brightly and increase direct sun slowly.	Compact leaf growth needs light; unfamiliar heat can cause damage.
Water	During growth, water thoroughly after partial drying and remove excess.	Fleshy leaves store water, but the roots still need free drainage.
Colours	Put healthy growth before maximum red colouring.	Colours also change with temperature and light; drought stress is not a care objective.
Summer	Water less during heat-induced rest and check the root ball.	Slower growth uses less water.
Repotting	Move only into a suitably larger pot with free-draining succulent compost.	Too much damp compost around the small root ball makes moisture harder to judge.
Feeding	Feed weakly during visible growth.	Particularly strong feeding does not produce compact growth.
Winter	Keep frost-free and very bright; avoid a rigid months-long dry treatment.	Aeoniums may grow in milder conditions and retain their leaves.

Knowledge that grows

Several colour stages in the palm of a hand

Mardi Gras often begins in the centre with pale creamy-yellow areas and narrow green markings. Older outer leaves show stronger pink to burgundy tones. Their spoon shape and open layered arrangement make the rosette look like a small colourful structure. The original photograph shows a single young rosette in a small pot. Look at it from a little distance and then from above: this reveals both young central leaves and older edge leaves. A living specimen will not reproduce the photograph's pattern to the millimetre. The colour transitions belong to the named selection, but their strength changes with light, temperature and further growth.

A documented breeding selection, not a new species

Mardi Gras names an Aeonium hybrid breeding selection. The original breeder description documents the multicoloured leaves and compact structure. This helps identify it without inventing a species name. The measured trial plants were young specimens under particular growing conditions; their dimensions do not describe a general final height. This portrait therefore uses the confirmed shop size: a pot diameter of 6.5 cm and approximately 15 cm total height including the pot. Side shoots may broaden its appearance over time. Observe its own structure rather than planning a small sales pot as an already finished miniature tree.

Get to know the small root ball first

After unpacking, check the pot's moisture and weight. Lift it again when the compost has noticeably dried in part; that comparison will help more than a fixed weekday. A 6.5 cm container holds little compost. Nevertheless, a dense inner root ball can stay wet longer than dry surface grit suggests. Start the plant in a bright, visible position without immediately hiding it among larger containers. An outer pot must not conceal drainage. You should still be able to check after every watering. Often the first good care decision is to leave an already moist plant alone.

Bright light builds the next row of leaves

Mardi Gras needs plenty of light for compact growth. A well-lit window or bright conservatory is better than a dark shelf. Introduce new direct sun gradually, especially after shipping or protected cultivation. Behind hot south-facing glass, even a bright position can become stressful; air movement and some protection from the strongest heat may then be useful. The red outer leaves should not become a contest for the darkest possible colour. Their shade responds to several growing conditions. A soft or injured plant is not better cared for simply because its red areas look particularly intense. Prioritise firm leaves and a living centre.

A summer pause does not signal thirst

In strong summer heat, aeoniums can slow their growth and hold the rosette more tightly closed. Watering can then become more restrained. Before watering, check the root ball and new leaf development. If the compost is still damp and little new growth appears, avoid adding more water. Milder weather and renewed visible development may increase demand again. Mardi Gras therefore remains an individual growing case within a succulent collection. Neighbouring pots need not receive water on the same day. This becomes clear beside an actively growing cactus: sharing a bright window does not give every plant the same watering rhythm.

Water thoroughly during growth and check drainage carefully

Apply water to the compost so that the root ball is reached evenly when needed. Excess drains freely and is removed from the saucer or outer pot. Then allow the compost to dry partly again. For repotting, choose a structurally stable gritty succulent compost in a container with a drainage hole. Provide only an appropriate increase in space when the roots need it. A large damp sleeve of compost around the small rosette does not help it settle in. Feed weakly according to the product instructions during visible growth. Pause feeding during hot or resting periods. When working, hold the pot and root ball without squeezing the delicate layers of leaves.

Support the rosette centre through winter

The winter position is frost-free and very bright. Cooler mild conditions can allow aeoniums a different growth pattern from summer heat; Mardi Gras should therefore not automatically be treated like every dry winter cactus. Temperature, light and moisture remain decisive. A warm dark position with plentiful water readily encourages weak stretched growth. Remove fully dry outer leaves gently and inspect tight bases for mealybugs. Fresh leaves and a firm base reveal more about cultivation than the exact red colour in the photograph. If new rosettes develop later, space requirements increase too. A clear, accessible position lets you notice that change in time.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



AI-created detail based on the original shop photograph; no additional delivery equipment.



Unchanged original shop photograph of the corresponding offer.
6.5 cm pot · approx. 15 cm total height. Shape and colour nuances can vary in living plants.

Good to know

Is Mardi Gras a botanical species?

No, it is a named Aeonium hybrid breeding selection documented in the original record.

Do the outer leaves always stay equally red?

No. Light, temperature and growing conditions influence intensity. Deliberate drought stress is not a care objective.

How tall will it ultimately grow?

No reliable final height is established for this particular offer. The approximately 15 cm shop total height including the pot describes delivery size.

Why does the rosette close in summer?

Strong heat can slow growth. Check root-ball moisture rather than automatically adding more water.

Can I keep it on a shelf?

Only in a genuinely very bright position. A dark shelf does not suit compact Aeonium growth.

When should it receive fertiliser?

Feed weakly during noticeable growth; pause during a resting phase.

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