

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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A collection for observation and reference. Detailed explanations to help you make care decisions suited to your plant and its position.

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical name	Cotyledon 'Elephants Trunk' · trade name
Delivery size	12 cm pot · around 15 cm total height
Family	Crassulaceae
Leaf colour	Grey-green with a pale, powdery surface
Leaf shape	Narrow fleshy leaves, some slightly curved
Flowers	Not present in the assortment original; no fixed flowering time promised
Lifespan	Perennial frost-sensitive succulent
Height	Delivery state around 15 cm including pot; no evidenced mature variety height
Repotting time	When needed at the start of active growth
Position	Very bright to sunny; free-draining mineral-rich soil

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
Light	Choose a very bright to sunny position.	Do not shade the small crown behind tall objects.
Acclimatisation	Introduce strong sun gradually.	Account for protected previous cultivation.
Water	Supply the root ball after noticeable partial drying.	Consider pot weight and the phase of the year too.
Cover pot	Remove all excess water.	Do not leave roots permanently in water.
Compost	Use a free-draining mineral-rich mix.	Air pores remain in the root space.
Pot	Give only a little more room when needed.	Do not unnecessarily enlarge the unrooted soil volume.
Surface	Do not polish leaves vigorously.	Gently preserve the pale bloom.
Winter	Grow bright and frost-free.	Do not derive general frost hardiness from the trade name.

Knowledge that grows

The name lies in the unusual leaf line

Elephants Trunk appeals through narrow fleshy leaves arranged in different directions above the small container. Their grey-green tone and pale surface catch light differently from glossy indoor foliage. Some parts are slightly curved and give the crown its unusual rhythm. The name is a trade designation within Cotyledon. It does not establish an additional certain species identification. This small difference between name and evidenced identity keeps the portrait understandable without making the visible plant less interesting.

Fifteen centimetres leaves plenty of room for details

The assortment reference is a 12 cm pot and around fifteen centimetres total height. On a small bright shelf, the plant can look like a living sculpture. Leave some free space around it so leaf tips do not constantly brush decoration. The stated height is the delivery reference, not a botanical mature size. Hold the pot when moving it. A suitable cover pot makes the container attractive but must be easy to empty for checking and draining. Care must not disappear behind the arrangement.

Brightness frames the crown

A very bright to sunny position suits general Cotyledon succulent cultivation. Slowly acclimatise to strong direct sun after transport. A dark compartment deep in a room is not an equivalent position despite an attractive background colour. Check whether neighbouring tall plants shade the small crown too. A sheltered outdoor position may be possible in summer if acclimatisation and weather protection suit. General outdoor frost hardiness is not promised for the imprecisely designated trade form. Have a bright frost-free place ready for winter.

Actually inspect the root ball between waterings

Fleshy leaves are no reason to leave a succulent without water indefinitely. Check soil and pot weight before watering again. After noticeable partial drying during growth, supply the root ball and let excess drain. A closed outer pot must not become a permanent water container. Needs change in lower light or cooler periods. Assess soft or discoloured plant parts alongside root-ball moisture. A heavy wet pot does not need extra water simply because a leaf changes shape.

A little good structure goes further than much wet soil

Free-draining succulent compost with suitable mineral components gives support and air to the roots. Offer slightly more pot space only when needed. Much unrooted soil around a small root ball easily stays damp for a long time. Feed sparingly during active growth according to a suitable label. The trade name requires no special rigid calendar. A decorative surface layer must not completely prevent root-ball checks. Keep the plant base at its previous level when planting and do not squeeze the sensitive crown together as a handle.

Gently preserve the leaf surface

The pale surface belongs to the visible character. Do not rub it vigorously to remove every colour difference. Loose dust can be removed carefully without polishing leaves. A whole-crown view and enlarged leaf crop are especially useful for the plant book. They allow comparison of new growth and older foliage later. Do not routinely cut off new stems simply because they stand differently. The portrait describes an ornamental plant; no kitchen use or health effect is derived from the animal name.

Pictures and details

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



AI-created detail view based on the original shop photograph.
Enlarged crop; not a representation of delivery size.



Original shop photograph of the offered plant. 12 cm pot · around
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Good to know

Is the exact *Cotyledon* species known?

The trade designation Elephants Trunk is established here; no additional species is invented.

Is 15 cm the later mature height?

No. The offer describes approximate total height including the pot.

Should I wash off the pale leaf surface?

Do not rub vigorously or polish; preserve its visible surface character.

Can it stand in a dark bookcase?

A permanent position must genuinely provide sufficient light.

Does a succulent never need water?

It does. Partial drying, root ball and growth determine the next watering.

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