

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical name	Crassula lycopodioides
Delivery size	8,5 cm pot · total height not quantified in the offer
Family	Crassulaceae
Current species name	Crassula muscosa
Foliage	Tiny densely overlapping green scale leaves
Growth	Densely branching narrow upright shoots
Age in the offer	Approx. 3–4 years
Flowering	Small green–yellow flowers possible; no current flowering promise

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	Very bright; increase sun slowly after transport.	The fine shoots need a growing position.
Water	Check the small root ball after partial drying.	Pot size and warmth alter consumption.
Drainage	Remove all excess.	No hidden leftover water.
Compost	Free-draining structured succulent mix.	Fine roots need air.
Pruning	Shorten healthy extended shoots when space is needed.	Dense short tips may grow.
Nutrients	Feed sparingly during growth according to the label.	Slow growth needs no heavy applications.
Checks	Inspect the dense centre for dead parts and unusual signs.	Discover changes in time.
Winter	Very bright and frost-free; water according to lower consumption.	Do not continue the summer amount unchanged.

Knowledge that grows

The green shoots look like fine braided cords

Only up close do you recognise the tiny leaves. They overlap densely on narrow green shoots, giving them an angular, almost geometric surface. *Crassula lycopodioides* is called mouse-tail plant in the shop. The RHS lists that name as a synonym of *Crassula muscosa*. It is therefore no small cypress or fern, although the dense branching recalls them. As a succulent, it forms its structure from fleshy small leaves. Even a small pot offers enough detail to discover new shoot tips repeatedly.

One size is stated; another remains open

The offer specifies eight and a half centimetres pot diameter and an approximate age of three to four years. It does not quantify total height, which is therefore not invented here from the visual impression. Support the container when unpacking and carefully free the packaging from the fine tips. The small plant needs an accessible bright position where soil and new branches can be inspected. A very large decorative pot would not automatically improve root needs. The narrow shoots may first settle quietly into their existing small root space.

Brightness keeps the scale structure clearly visible

Choose a very bright place and gently increase direct sun after transport. A sunny growing position is possible, but abrupt hot sunlight through glass stresses a small succulent too. Do not choose dark room corners merely because the vivid green would look decorative there. Observe whether new shoots grow noticeably looser or strongly one-sided. An occasional small turn of the pot may support the shape, but does not replace light. A sheltered mild outdoor position may suit after acclimatisation in summer; bring the plant back frost-free before cold nights.

The small root ball decides the watering

Let the soil dry out partly between waterings and check how far moisture has actually decreased. Water evenly when needed and remove excess. The narrow pot can dry faster on warm days than a large container. Fine shoots nevertheless do not justify constant daily sips. If soil stays wet for a long time, postpone the next watering and check drainage. Assess brown soft sections alongside moisture and light. A suddenly different condition is not explained solely by a general word such as easy-care.

Preserve a branching group with few interventions

A structured free-draining succulent mix and open drainage holes suit cultivation. Feed healthy growth sparingly according to a suitable fertiliser label. Extended shoots can be shortened cleanly when space is needed; healthy short tips require no continuous shaping. A pot change follows root condition and is planned only moderately larger. Check the dense centre too. Do not leave dead parts and unusual cotton-like accumulations hidden among green foliage. At the same time, do not constantly tear the fine natural structure apart during checks or treat it with shine products.

It stays interesting without conspicuous flowers

The species can develop small green-yellow flowers that are easily missed among the tiny leaves. They are not promised in the current delivery state. In winter keep the plant bright and frost-free and adapt water to slower growth. More food does not put a dark winter position right. An enlarged detail beside the whole pot plant is worthwhile in the plant book. It shows the difference between actual small size and the rich pattern of individual shoots. Note which new tips appear and how the group branches.

Pictures and details

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



AI-created second view based on the original shop photograph. Decoration is not included; see the original and offer information for assortment size.



Original shop photograph of the offered plant. 8,5 cm pot · total height not quantified in the offer.



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Good to know

Is *Crassula lycopodioides* the same as *Crassula muscosa*?

The RHS lists *lycopodioides* as a synonym of *Crassula muscosa*.

Are the green scales real leaves?

Yes. Tiny overlapping leaves sit densely along the shoots.

What total height is delivered?

The specific shop gives no number; the portrait adds no invented height.

Must I prune a perfect ball?

No. The natural fine branching may develop.

Are large conspicuous flowers necessary?

The small green–yellow species flowers may remain unobtrusive; shoot structure is already the main subject.

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