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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical identification	Hoya kerrii
Family	Apocynaceae
Origin	Species from Southeast Asia, from Indochina to Malesia
Delivery size	6 cm pot · approx. 8-10 cm overall height
Growth and distinctive feature	Offered as a single rooted succulent heart-shaped leaf; the complete species forms climbing shoots

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	Bright with filtered light.	Even a single rooted leaf needs light.
Water	Let compost dry noticeably between waterings.	A single leaf uses little water.
Drainage	Remove excess from the small outer pot.	Permanent wetness can damage roots.
Compost	Loose and freely draining.	Air in the small root space supports healthy roots.
Temperature	Warm without cold draughts.	Cool wet conditions are unsuitable.
Feed	Very sparingly, during active growth according to the product.	Feed does not replace stem tissue missing for new shoots.
Repotting	Only when needed, not preventively into a large pot.	Large wet compost volumes dry too slowly for one leaf.
Expectations	Distinguish a single leaf from a fully climbing Hoya.	New vines cannot reliably be expected without suitable stem tissue.

Knowledge that grows

A heart-shaped leaf is not automatically a complete vine

Hoya kerrii is botanically a climbing wax plant with thick heart-shaped leaves. This offer, however, shows a single rooted leaf. Such leaves may survive a long time but do not reliably develop new vines without suitable stem tissue capable of producing a shoot. A leaf remaining unchanged for a long time therefore does not automatically mean a care mistake. For us, this distinction belongs to honest plant advice. Anyone expressly seeking a *Hoya* that will later climb should look for an offer with a recognisable shoot and node, rather than the attractive heart shape alone.

A small gift with clear size

The shop states a pot of around 6 cm and around 8 to 10 cm overall height. The leaf is therefore a small table gift, not a large floor feature. A simple personal card may complement the shape without concealing the plant behind excessive decoration. In the plant book, the portrait can be combined with a dedication. Card, outer pot and further decoration are not automatically included in the plant offer. Stand the small container where it will not be knocked over in passing and remains accessible for watering.

Bright and warm instead of dark gift wrapping

After gifting, remove the plant from closed decorative packaging. A bright position with filtered light suits it; initially avoid hot direct sun after shipping. Consistent warm room temperatures support cultivation. A cold pot base or draughts are unsuitable. The leaf need not stand directly at a heater simply because it is thick and stores water. Infrequent watering alone cannot compensate for a very dark desk. The shape stays attractive long-term only if the living leaf receives light and its roots remain healthy.

Low use does not mean no water

A single succulent leaf uses little water. Check the compost and let it dry noticeably between supplies. Then gently water the small root ball and allow excess to drain. A permanently full miniature outer pot is particularly risky because little air reaches roots. If the root ball dries completely for a long period, this robust leaf may shrivel too. With a soft leaf, first check whether compost is dry or wet. Extra water does not cure root damage caused by wetness.

Preserve the small root space

Loose freely draining compost and pot drainage holes make care easier. A single leaf does not need a large reserve pot that stays wet a long time. Repot only for a clear reason, such as compacted compost or genuinely exhausted root space. Support the leaf without pulling it out by the base. Use feed very sparingly and do not try to force a missing shoot through frequent applications. With visible active growth, give suitable fertiliser moderately according to the product. Carefully damp-wipe dust from the smooth leaf surface.

If a shoot actually appears

If suitable stem tissue is present, a shoot may develop with patience. This begins a different care situation with growing leaf mass and possibly later climbing support. Do not hastily cut long initially bare exploratory shoots on a complete *Hoya*; leaves may develop there later. Flowers belong to the mature climbing plant and should not be expected from the single heart leaf. Check regularly for mealybugs or other small sucking pests. Brown soft areas at the base call for a root-ball check. Leaf thickness alone does not guarantee many years of life.

Pictures and details

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



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Good to know

Why has no second leaf grown for months?

Many heart-leaf offers are single rooted leaves. Without suitable stem tissue, new vines are not reliably possible.

Can I produce new shoots with more feed?

Feeding cannot replace missing stem tissue capable of sprouting. Too much feed can stress roots.

Does the heart leaf need no water?

It does. Use is low, but prolonged complete drying may damage it. Supply sparingly according to compost condition.

Will it definitely become a flowering Hoya?

No. The offer shows a single leaf in a 6 cm pot. Flower-capable vine growth is not guaranteed.

The matching offer

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Shop offer