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Botanical name	Hoya Mathilde Splash
Delivery size	6 cm pot · overall height about 8–10 cm
Family	Apocynaceae
Leaf colour	Green with irregular silver speckles
Growth	Young perennial climber with small rounded leaves
Development	Longer stems may later be loosely trained or trail
Position	Bright with filtered daylight, warm and sheltered from draughts

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 daylight; avoid hot direct sun.	The small leaf display should be well lit without sudden heating.
Water	Check the upper soil before watering and allow slight drying.	The miniature root ball dries differently from an older hoyo in a larger pot.
Drainage	Allow complete drainage after thorough watering.	A small cachepot can easily hide standing water.
Substrate	Use loose, structurally stable soil with good drainage.	Roots need air as well as moisture.
Nutrients	During new growth, feed moderately according to the fertiliser label.	The young miniature needs no heavy feeding.
Stems	Guide searching stems loosely if needed and leave room.	An initially leafless shoot tip need not be dead.
Repotting	Give only a little more pot space once roots clearly fill the ball.	Too much unrooted soil stays damp a long time for the small plant.
Winter	Keep bright and warm, and reassess water needs at the root ball.	Slow growth needs less replenishment, not prolonged complete drying.

Knowledge that grows

A miniature hoya for a closer look

Mathilde Splash has small rounded to oval leaves arranged in pairs on slender stems. Irregular silver speckles interrupt the green without making every leaf identical. The slightly fleshy surface and fine stem joints are already clear on the young plant. Its miniature size looks harmonious on a bright sideboard beside a small notebook. The position should receive enough light and have some distance from hot air. A searching stem may find its way sideways. Its loose line belongs to the plant and need not be forced into a rigid compact ball.

Reading the offered size correctly

The shop lists a 6 cm pot and an overall height of about 8 to 10 cm including the pot. This is a very small young hoya. Individual stems may already extend sideways beyond the low leafy mass without turning the stated upright delivery height into the length of a large hanging plant. The genuine original photograph shows this early structure. The horticultural background of the name Mathilde leads to a cross between *Hoya carnosa* and *Hoya serpens*. Here the specific shop name Mathilde Splash remains; the silver markings are described from the offered plant. A later dense trailing display is possible development rather than a delivery promise.

Light for small leaves and new stems

A warm bright position with filtered daylight is favourable. Do not suddenly expose the small plant after transport to intense sun against hot glass. On a shelf, check the actual amount of light: a short distance from the window helps little if a side panel completely shades the foliage. New tips need free space, and emerging leaves should not be pressed against decoration. Avoid cold draughts when airing. It is worth initially leaving the young hoya in a suitable position and watching its further development instead of moving it for every new photograph.

A small root ball needs attentive checks

Fleshy leaves are no reason to leave the miniature pot completely dry for a long time. Feel the upper soil and note pot weight. After slight drying, water slowly and thoroughly so the entire small root zone receives water. Then let it drain completely. A cachepot fitted closely around the 6 cm inner pot can easily conceal the remainder, so check it explicitly. If the plant becomes soft or limp in wet soil, examine the root zone and drainage first. Water carefully when it is clearly dry. A fixed watering date does not account for these different situations.

Let root space grow appropriately

Loose, structurally stable soil with good drainage supports the hoya. Suitable coarse components keep air between the roots; a dense wet soil ball is no good foundation for fine young roots. Move to a slightly larger container only once roots clearly fill the ball. A large reserve pot keeps unnecessary unrooted soil damp. During visible new growth, feed moderately according to the fertiliser label and allow for fresh pre-fertilised soil. More nutrients do not instantly turn a miniature hoya into a large flowering hanging plant. Healthy roots, new leaves and steady development come first.

Guide searching stems and give flowers time

An initially leafless longer stem may prepare the next stretch of growth. Do not cut it solely because it extends beyond the small shape. If needed, guide it loosely on a suitable support or let it trail later without sharply bending the joints. Hoyas can flower with suitable cultivation and sufficient development. A young miniature delivery plant need not bear buds yet; no fixed flowering month is guaranteed here. If flower stalks appear later, do not automatically remove them after flowering. Hoyas may produce new flowers on older flowering points. A dead stem is assessed separately.

Recognising silver speckles and healthy new growth

Silver markings belong to the leaf pattern and are not rubbed off. New dull patches, sticky deposits or fine webs, however, call for a closer look under leaves and around stem nodes. Remove dust carefully with a soft slightly damp cloth, supporting the small leaves. In winter, continue growing brightly and warmly, reduce supplies when growth is slow and still check the root ball regularly. Directly in front of a radiator, foliage may look dry while moisture remains below. Improve the visibly unfavourable factor first. The next sequence of healthy leaves shows more than an attempt to treat every old marking.

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. 6 cm pot · overall height about 8–10 cm.

Good to know

Is this already a large hanging plant?

No. The offer is a miniature hoya in a 6 cm pot with an overall height of about 8–10 cm. Some young stems may extend sideways.

Are the silver spots a pest?

They belong to the markings. Check new deposits, sticky patches or webs separately.

Should I cut the long thin stem?

Not merely because it initially has few leaves. Searching hoya stems may later form more leaf pairs.

Does a hoya need to remain dry for a very long time?

No. Check the small root ball attentively, let the top dry slightly and then water thoroughly.

Does Mathilde Splash flower on delivery?

Flowers are not guaranteed on the young miniature. Development stage and suitable cultivation matter.

When is the small pot changed?

When roots clearly fill the ball during active growth. Then provide only a little more root space.

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