

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 classification	Actinidia deliciosa 'Jenny'
Family	Actinidiaceae
Origin	Cultivated form of Actinidia deliciosa, a species originally from China
Delivery size	2 plants · each in a 15 cm pot · about 50 cm overall height
Growth and special feature	Vigorous deciduous twining climber with large leaves and later hairy fruits

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	Warm, sunny and sheltered from wind.	Simply surviving in shade is insufficient for fruit cultivation.
Water	Supply young root balls regularly and thoroughly.	Avoid waterlogging despite even moisture.
Soil	Humus-rich, nutrient-containing and well-drained.	The vigorous plant needs supportive root space.
Support	Build a stable framework early and tie shoots loosely.	Later foliage and fruit mass is considerable.
Fertiliser	According to soil supply and actual need.	Good garden soil does not necessarily need frequent additional feeding.
Pruning	Retain the main framework and organise side growth in winter and summer.	Previous-year wood provides the starting point for new fruiting shoots.
Late frost	Temporarily protect fresh growth when needed.	Young shoots are more sensitive than dormant wood.
Harvest	Observe fruit ripeness; if needed, harvest before strong frost and let the fruits ripen indoors.	Young plants need several years before dependable yield.

Knowledge that grows

A kiwi with distinctive flower biology

Actinidia deliciosa belongs to the Actinidiaceae family and originally comes from China. Jenny is a self-fertile cultivated form: it needs no separate male pollinator to be able to set fruit. This distinguishes it from many other kiwi offers. The plant twines vigorously, carries large leaves and loses them in autumn. Its hairy brown fruits are a later development goal, not the usual appearance of a freshly purchased young plant. Self-fertile also does not mean that position, flower development and weather no longer matter.

The set of two will later need plenty of room

According to the offer, two plants are supplied in 15 cm pots at about 50 cm overall height. The original image shows a young leafless shoot with a support and a separate fruit inset. The depiction does not promise an already fruiting plant. Both Jenny plants can be grown separately; they are not a male-female pair. Allow enough space for each, since the slender young shoot can become a climber several metres long. A small pot support helps at the beginning but is not a permanently sufficient framework.

A sunny position with a strong framework

A warm sunny, wind-sheltered outdoor position suits fruit growing. The plant can grow in partial shade, but sufficient sun matters for ripening and yield. A stable trellis, strong wires or suitable pergola will later carry shoots, foliage and fruits. Set up the fixings before vigorous growth and do not let ties constrict stems. Soil should be humus-rich, nutrient-containing and well-drained. A permanently small container strongly restricts the vigorous plant; larger containers still require intensive supply.

Supply roots and protect spring shoots

Regularly check root-ball moisture in newly planted kiwis and water thoroughly during dryness. Avoid constant wetness. An organic covering around the root area can retain moisture but should remain away from the trunk. In well-supplied garden soil, extra feed is not automatically needed at short intervals; act according to actual need and product instructions. Young shoots are sensitive to late frost. When cold is forecast, provide suitable temporary protection in good time, then remove it again so light and air reach the plant.

Order in the framework makes later harvest easier

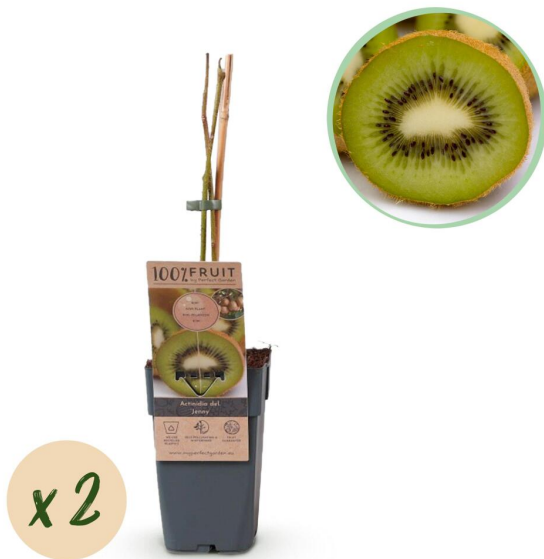
First establish a clear main stem and suitable lateral framework branches. Tie young shoots loosely and check regularly. Later, winter and summer pruning help keep the plant accessible. New fruiting shoots arise on previous-year wood; do not remove all young side branches indiscriminately. When summer pruning, retain several healthy leaves beyond existing fruits. Plan larger training work according to a pruning scheme suited to the framework. Targeted structure from the beginning is easier than radically untangling a kiwi that has overgrown for years.

Ripening, winter rest and patience are part of it

Several years may pass before young plants fruit. A warm long season improves the chances of well-developed fruits. Before stronger autumn frost, sufficiently developed fruits can be picked and left to ripen indoors. One weak season does not immediately mean the variety is wrong. Jenny is leafless in winter; young container plants need additional root protection. If new growth fails to appear, also check frost damage and water balance. Vigorous growth should not obscure how sensitive young spring shoots in particular can be.

Pictures and details

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



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Good to know

Does Jenny need a male kiwi?

No, Jenny is self-fertile. The set contains two plants of the same variety, not a required pollinating pair.

Can the kiwi remain permanently on its small bamboo stake?

No. Its vigorous shoots will later need a stable trellis or suitable pergola.

Why does my young kiwi not have fruits yet?

Several years may pass before fruiting. Warmth, light, pruning and late frost also influence yield.

Is leafless wood normal in winter?

Yes. Jenny is deciduous. In spring protect fresh growth especially against late frost.

The matching offer

[View set of 2 in the shop](#)

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English portrait



Shop offer (in German)