

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical classification	Lavandula angustifolia 'Hidcote'
Delivery size	9 cm pot per plant · approx. 10–25 cm total height · quantity according to set
Family	Lamiaceae
Habit	Perennial evergreen small shrub with woody growth
Flower colour	Dark violet to purple-violet
Flowering	Summer; course depends on position and weather
Expected height	Compact garden growth, approximately 40–60 cm with flower stems as guidance
Spacing	Shop guidance: about 30 cm for a dense row; older individual plants gain more width
Planting	Preferably spring after hard frosts in soil that has dried sufficiently
Position	Full sun; airy freely draining 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 full-sun garden position.	Dense dark-violet spikes need good light.
Soil	Check drainage before planting; avoid heavy wet spots.	Winter wetness can strain roots more than a dry surface suggests.
Establishment	Moisten the small rootball and plant at its previous height.	Even later drought-tolerant lavender must first grow roots.
Water	Supply new plants as needed; check established planting less often and water deliberately.	Weather and root space determine need, not fixed weekdays.
Feeding	Usually omit extra fertiliser on very nutrient-rich soil.	High nitrogen encourages soft growth rather than firm compact structure.
Pruning	Shorten spikes and some leafy growth after flowering.	Moderate yearly pruning keeps the shrub branched.
Old wood	Do not cut deeply into bare woody branches.	Lavender does not reliably regrow there.
Winter	Shelter containers from wind and persistent rain around the rootball.	Free drainage and root protection belong together in overwintering.

Knowledge that grows

Dark violet needs no large area

Hidcote places strong summer colour above paler leaves. Small flowers sit densely in short spikes, while narrow silver-grey foliage forms a calm contrast beneath. A row along a sunny path shows this relationship well. The cultivar also has its own character as an individual little mound between stones. Its defining feature is a compact woody small shrub, not a perennial rosette that stays soft forever. The original shows the young plant without large flower stems. Later flower images describe garden development and do not promise a flowering delivery.

Make a row with room for older plants

Depending on the set selected, you receive young plants each in 9 cm pots at about 10–25 cm total height including pot. Around 40–60 cm including flower stems is horticultural guidance for older Hidcote; exact structure also depends on pruning. The shop recommendation of about 30 cm spacing aims at a dense row. Older free-standing plants may develop wider. Before planting, check where later flower stems might reach into a path. A still-visible gap is not a mistake: it allows young plants to establish while the lasting border develops.

Give water a way out of the border

Full sun belongs to Hidcote, but brightness alone cannot compensate for heavy permanently wet soil. Watch after rain for standing water and check structure below the surface too. A raised planting area or suitable outdoor container may be easier to monitor where soil is problematic. Loosen the whole future root zone appropriately instead of making a small hole in dense wet earth. Containers require structurally stable well-drained soil and free drainage holes. Gravel on top counts for little if water is trapped deeper around the roots. Persistent wetness calls for correcting the position, not adding fertiliser.

Let young lavender root in spring

Spring planting after hard frosts gives the shrub time to establish roots before the cold season. Soil should have dried sufficiently. Moisten the delivered rootball, gently release it from the pot and retain its previous planting height. Woody bases must not disappear under thick new soil. After watering in, check moisture precisely around the small rootball. Water as needed during early growth; newly planted Hidcote is not yet an established lavender with broad root space. Check more often in heat. As new roots work into surrounding soil, reserves change and moisture checks can encompass the whole position.

Firm growth instead of constant extras

Lavender often needs no extra fertiliser in already adequately supplied garden soil. High nitrogen or generous nutrient-rich additions can encourage soft unstable growth. Check existing soil before automatically interpreting weak flowering as nutrient deficiency. Light, wet roots, pruning time and age also matter. Container reserves are limited; necessary feeding stays moderate and follows product dosage. Do not sprinkle small amounts of water around the base daily. When water is genuinely needed, let it reach the root zone and check drainage. The silver-grey appearance of leaves is normal, not an invitation to feed them greener.

Recognise the green pruning boundary

After main flowering, shorten spent spikes and some young leafy growth. Before every cut, check where leaves remain on shoots. Bare old wood is not a reliable basis for strong regrowth. Regular moderate pruning is therefore easier to control than a late rescue attempt on a largely woody shrub. Avoid strong late-autumn pruning in cold or wet regions. In spring, carefully correct untidy or frost-damaged tips when living new growth is visible. Patience keeps the compact mound visible. Do not immediately cut every young delivery plant to an imagined standard height.

Watch winter moisture on the terrace too

Hidcote remains outdoors as a garden plant. Cold and wet soil reach container roots faster than those in a suitable border. Shelter an appropriate pot, keep drainage holes open and avoid prolonged standing water. A rain-sheltered spot may help if moisture is still checked. Grey winter foliage alone is not evidence of damage. With clear wilting or dead shoots, assess weather, root condition and drainage together. A dry warm interior does not replace a sunny outdoor position. In spring, new growth reveals which tips are alive and where a small corrective cut is useful.

Pictures and details

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



AI-designed detail of later garden development. Flowering and mature shape are not guaranteed delivery features.



Unchanged original shop photograph of the same plant identity. Young delivery plant; 9 cm pot per plant · approx. 10–25 cm total height · quantity according to set.



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Good to know

What identifies Hidcote?

Narrow silver-grey foliage and dense dark-violet to purple-violet flower spikes define the cultivar.

Can lavender grow in heavy wet soil?

Persistent wetness is unsuitable. Prepare a draining root zone or use a suitable outdoor container.

Must the young plant manage without water?

No. The small delivered rootball needs moisture checks and appropriate water during establishment.

How deeply may I prune?

Keep moderate pruning within leafy growth. Deep cuts into bare wood do not reliably produce new shoots.

Is 25 cm its final height?

No. The 10-25 cm refers to the delivered plant including pot; older Hidcote grows considerably larger.

Does Hidcote regularly need much fertiliser?

Usually not in adequately supplied soil. High nitrogen is unsuitable for firm compact growth.

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