

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical name	Notocactus submammulosus
Delivery size	12 cm pot, approximately 15 cm total height
Family	Cactaceae
Growth	Rounded green body with segmented ribs
Colour	Green, pale areoles and beige to yellowish spines
Botanical reference	Kew lists the shop name as a synonym of Parodia mammulosa
Lifespan	Perennial cactus
Location	Very bright; introduce direct sunlight gradually

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
Location	Choose a very bright and clearly visible place.	Do not hide the low spherical form behind a high pot rim.
Sun	Increase gradually after arrival.	Consider light and warmth together.
Moisture	Allow the soil to dry noticeably between applications.	Check below the top layer too.
Watering	Water the soil slowly and let it drain.	No standing water in the cover pot.
Substrate	Structured, free-draining cactus soil.	Preserve air around the roots.
Container	Repot suitably larger when space is needed.	Avoid unnecessarily large volumes of wet soil.
Fertiliser	Sparingly during growth, following the label.	Do not mask rest with extra fertiliser.
Winter	Bright and frost-free with reduced supplies.	Continue monitoring the body and root ball.

Knowledge that grows

Small spine stars divide the green ball

The young body stays rounded and lower than a column. Pale areoles sit along its segmented ribs, with fine spines radiating out like stars. This repetition makes the cactus interesting up close even without flowers. The offer calls it *Notocactus submammulosus*. Kew lists that name as a synonym of *Parodia mammulosa*. This connects a familiar trade name with the current botanical reference. The portrait does not replace this particular young form with an arbitrary *Parodia* or an especially large flowering collection plant.

A low body needs a clearly visible place

The offer specifies a 12 cm pot and about fifteen centimetres total height. A broadly spherical form often looks better on a low, bright table than behind the edge of a high shelf, where only the upper spines remain visible. When carrying it, support the container and keep fingers away from the areoles. Choose a decorative cover pot that allows the inner pot to be removed for checking the soil. Do not sink the green body deeper merely to compensate visually for an overly high pot rim.

Increase the light gradually after arrival

A very bright location supports further development. After transport, build up stronger direct sunlight gradually. Do not immediately put the small cactus in the hottest glazed recess simply because cacti are generally considered sun-loving plants. Look at fresh green growth near the top and the condition of the existing ribs. When changing its position, record light and warmth together. If a change later becomes visible, this allows more targeted checks rather than responding with extra water, new fertiliser and another move all at once.

Water follows a check of the root ball

Allow the soil to dry noticeably between applications. Before watering, check the root ball rather than only the visible top layer. During active growth, water the soil slowly and let excess drain away. No water should remain in a deep cover pot. The spherical body stores moisture, but a small root space still needs attention. If the pot remains heavy and damp, do not water automatically because the surface looks dry. Once it becomes noticeably light, adapt the next application to actual need and growing conditions.

Small roots do not need a huge volume of new soil

Free-draining cactus substrate with mineral components and an open drainage outlet supports the change between wetter and drier phases. Repot according to actual space requirements, preferably as growth begins. A container only suitably larger makes monitoring easier; excess unrooted soil can stay damp for a long time. Suitable gripping aids protect against the spines during handling. Feed sparingly during growth according to the cactus fertiliser label. Also check the base and pale areoles. Their normal pattern remains; do not too quickly dismiss unusual new deposits as harmless wool.

Watch development and real buds

In winter, keep the cactus bright and frost-free, with reduced watering during rest. The offer shows no current flowers. A precise flower colour or fixed date is not borrowed from general genus images for this young item. In the plant book, a view from above can show the spine stars especially well, while a side view explains height and roundness. Record new areoles and any buds that actually appear. This makes the development of your own plant understandable without turning its low delivery form into an unchanging ball with a guaranteed flowering calendar.

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.
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Original shop photograph of the offered plant. 12 cm pot ·
approximately 15 cm total height.

Good to know

Is Notocactus a different delivery plant from Parodia?

Kew lists this specific shop name as a synonym of *Parodia mammulosa*.

Does it stay fifteen centimetres tall?

That is the total height of a young plant including its pot, not its eventual size.

Are all white areas automatically normal?

The existing areoles are pale. Unusual new deposits should still be checked more closely.

Is there a fixed flowering date?

No item-specific date is promised for this associated young plant.

Must I repot immediately?

Only when space is genuinely needed or the substrate is unsuitable, using a suitably larger container.

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