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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical name	Pachysandra terminalis 'Variegata'
Delivery size	9 cm pot per plant · approx. 10–25 cm total height · sets as selected
Habit	Perennial evergreen ground cover; slower than the green species
Leaf colour	Green centre with cream-white edges and stripes
Flower colour	Small whitish species flowers, not to be confused with pale leaf margins
Flowering	Spring; no flowering promise on delivery
Expected height	Species guidance about 15–30 cm; no exact cultivar value promised
Planting	Spring or early autumn in frost-free soil without waterlogging
Spacing	Shop guidance: approximately 25 cm
Position	Partial shade to shade outdoors; humus-rich 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 partial shade to shade.	Pale margins are no evidence for hot full sun.
Planting	Lay out pots first and retain previous rootball height.	Slower coverage needs well-planned distribution.
Water	Check rootball moisture directly and water soil as needed.	Small root zones respond faster than older planting.
Soil	Provide humus-rich moisture-retaining soil with drainage.	Persistent wetness strains variegated garden plants too.
Colour	Distinguish regular pale margins from spots and dry patches.	Variegation is a cultivar feature, not automatically damage.
Edges	Observe new runners and smaller neighbours regularly.	Even a slower cultivar grows beyond the original pot area.
Feeding	Feed moderately only according to supply and growth.	Extra fertiliser does not ensure faster coverage.
Winter	Shelter pots outdoors and check moisture without frost.	Wind and winter sun can strain retained leaves.

Knowledge that grows

Pale edges invite a closer look

Cream-white markings follow Variegata's green leaf. They may appear as an edge or pale stripe and stand out against darker garden soil. Leaf shape remains that of pachysandra: wedge-shaped, narrow below and more coarsely toothed above. The young shop photograph shows small upright shoots with clearly pale-edged leaves. White belongs to the cultivar, not a deposit that needs washing off. Yet not every pale patch is variegation. If a change is dry, spotted or suddenly limited to damaged leaves, inspect plant condition separately.

A slower carpet is its own garden picture

Variegata is described as slower growing than the green species. Allow time rather than expecting an immediately even closed covering. Individual pale margins can be interesting in a smaller group against dark soil. A border strip need not be completely covered from day one to look designed. Arrange pots before planting so later growth makes sense. Gaps remain accessible and maintainable initially. More fertiliser or ever-denser placement cannot reliably replace good rooting and suitable conditions.

Cultivar colour needs a suitable outdoor place

Partial shade to shade suits this garden plant. Pale leaf margins do not justify hot sun because they look cheerful in a photograph. Watch the day's light, reflective walls and soil moisture. Under a tree, ground may look cool but dry through neighbouring roots. Humus-rich moisture-retaining draining soil helps the start. A persistently wet hollow remains unsuitable. In containers, plan open holes and enough later root space. The plant needs an understandably supplied outdoor position; small delivery size is not a suggestion for dark living-room decoration.

Interpret dimensions before planting

Sets contain young plants each in 9 cm pots. About 10–25 cm total height including pot is the delivery figure. Species profiles describe older pachysandra at about 15–30 cm garden height, not an exact promise for every Variegata. The shop gives around 25 cm spacing. Use it as placement guidance while considering the planned edge and smaller neighbours. Colour says nothing about quantity: the set determines how many plants arrive. If making several pale groups, establish positions first. Later distribution then makes more sense than a randomly divided quantity of young pots.

Support the start under woody plants

Spring or early autumn is often easier for care than a hot dry spell. Frost-free soil without waterlogging is essential. Moisten before unpotting and retain planting height. Gently bring soil around it, water in and then check the former container root zone directly. Young plants need accessible watering until their roots reach garden soil. Give water slowly at ground level as needed. A glossy surface or wet leaves do not prove the inside rootball is supplied. Check especially carefully beneath large roots. Care according to moisture and weather, not a rigid calendar, keeps closer contact with the actual plant.

Distinguish white markings from damage

Repeated cream markings along margins are characteristic of *Variegata*. Browning dry areas, unusual dots or dying shoots are different observations. Check soil, leaf undersides and how the change develops. Remove clearly dead material individually and seek expert assessment for recurring damage. Do not constantly wet dense coverage from above; give water preferentially to roots. Check edges even in a slower cultivar because *pachysandra* can produce underground runners. Small neighbouring perennials should remain accessible. A good view comes from cultivar markings and healthy shoots, not assuming every pale leaf is automatically fine.

Patience remains part of the design

After winter, leaves may look different from a summer product photograph. Evergreen does not mean wind, dry periods and winter sun leave no marks. In containers, check the rootball on frost-free days and do not routinely water frozen soil. In spring, watch new growth and remove unsightly parts individually. Supplement nutrients according to existing supply instead of constantly trying to accelerate slower growth. This restrained cultivar can therefore accompany a little garden path interestingly: not through immediate mass, but pale edges, recognisable leaves and a gradually developing area.

Pictures and details

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



AI-designed leaf detail in the garden; variegation, not promised flowers or a scale delivery photograph.

Unchanged original photograph of the young variegated cultivar in a 9 cm pot; approx. 10–25 cm total height, set as selected.

Good to know

Is the white leaf edge a disease?

Cream-white edges and stripes belong to Variegata. New dry spots or dying shoots need separate assessment.

Does Variegata grow as fast as the green species?

It is described as slower growing, so do not expect immediate coverage.

Are the white parts flowers?

No. They are leaf markings. Small whitish spring flowers are a separate feature.

How large are delivery plants?

9 cm pot per plant and approx. 10–25 cm total height including pot; quantity according to set.

How far apart should I plant?

The shop gives about 25 cm. Also consider accessible care points and smaller neighbours.

Will more fertiliser help slow growth?

Not automatically. Check position and root supply first; slower growth belongs to the described cultivar.

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