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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 name	Philodendron hederaceum var. hederaceum (Micans)
Offered size	15 cm hanging pot · shoot length approx. 30 cm
Leaves	Velvety heart shape, green to bronze tones
Habit	Trailing or climbing on a support
Light	Bright, diffuse and without hot midday sun
Winter	Warm, frost-free, water as needed
Development	Vines become longer than the delivery size
Important	Do not eat; sap may irritate

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	Provide an open, bright shelf position.	A deep dark compartment slows the vines.
Watering	Let the surface dry slightly, then water thoroughly.	Small hanging pots respond to warmth more quickly.
Drainage	Take the hanging plant down for watering and empty it.	Hidden water encourages root problems.
Compost	Loose, humus-rich houseplant mixture.	Water must be able to drain.
Feeding	During new growth, feed moderately according to the instructions.	The delicate vines do not need strong doses of fertiliser.
Pruning	Selectively shorten overlong shoots above a node.	A cut can support branching.
Leaf care	Remove dust carefully without shine products.	The velvety surface should be preserved.
Winter	Check brightness, warmth and root-ball moisture together.	Less light changes consumption.

Knowledge that grows

Velvet rather than high gloss

Micans has a quiet way of making a place beautiful. Its small heart-shaped leaves shimmer green, olive or bronze depending on the light; their undersides show warmer tones. The surface appears velvety and is therefore hard to confuse with a glossy philodendron. A few trailing vines are enough to bring a light shelf to life. The shop offers a hanging plant in a fifteen-centimetre-diameter pot with a shoot length of around thirty centimetres. This shoot length describes the existing greenery, not the height of a mature plant. Over time, the small hanging plant can become a much longer curtain.

A vine needs a clear route

This philodendron can trail or climb on a suitable support. For a hanging plant, I look for a position where the leaves are not trapped between wall and pot. On a shelf, the shoots have a clear edge while remaining accessible. Loops are not pulled tightly over sharp-edged hooks. If Micans is to grow upwards, its nodes can be guided along an appropriate support. The plant need not immediately be forced into a new direction. Its existing structure already shows which shoots hang pleasantly and where careful shortening brings more clarity.

Brightness brings out the velvet

Bright, filtered daylight reveals the leaf texture and supports new growth. A hanging plant hidden deep in the room may initially look decorative but has little opportunity to grow further. Direct hot sun is also unsuitable for unprotected leaf surfaces. I consider the position throughout the day: gentle morning light can become intense afternoon sun. A transparent curtain or a slightly shifted position softens it. The pot stays warm without hanging above a radiator. At a door with cold draughts, the delicate shoots can easily be directed into the least suitable part of the room.

Take the hanging plant down to water

The soil of hanging plants is easily overlooked because the pot sits high up. I take Micans down to inspect it and feel the upper layer. Once it has dried slightly, the root ball is watered evenly. Afterwards, water must drain reliably before the plant returns to its position. A tightly closed decorative pot is not a sensible reservoir for several days. The fifteen-centimetre hanging pot can become lighter quickly in warm air; in winter it may stay moist much longer. Both are normal. A calendar with fixed weekdays does not recognise these differences and helps less than a brief check of the pot.

Plant loosely and nourish moderately

The roots need a structurally stable mixture that retains moisture while containing air. Suitable houseplant compost with loose ingredients is more useful than a large heavy pot full of compacted soil. Repotting is only necessary once the root ball is correspondingly rooted. The vines are laid aside, not used as carrying handles by their stems. Moderate fertiliser is added during visible growth. A freshly repotted plant is fed according to the nutrient content of its new compost. The velvety leaf surface is cared for without leaf-shine spray. I remove dust very gently to preserve the natural shimmer.

Shape long shoots deliberately

As they lengthen, individual vines may carry more leaves low down than near the pot. Targeted pruning can keep the form more compact. I select a suitable node and cut cleanly rather than trapping a long shoot between two books. A healthy piece with a node is suitable for propagation; a detached leaf without a stem node is not an equivalent starting point. New plants initially receive stable conditions. When cutting, I protect my skin from sap and keep work scraps away from children and pets. Micans is an ornamental plant, not greenery for the kitchen or animal feed.

Look more closely in winter

Slow growth during dark weeks is no reason for larger amounts of water. The plant remains bright and warm; watering still follows the root ball. If several leaves turn yellow, I check hidden waterlogging, cold and lack of light. Dry areas may have various causes, so leaf undersides and the bases of vines belong in the inspection too. An older leaf can leave without the entire hanging plant being a failure. With calm care, Micans retains its distinctive character: not a rigid green ball, but flexible, soft heart-shaped leaves that shape their place a little further with every new shoot.

Pictures and details

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



Original shop photograph of the offered plant; the details in the particular offer are authoritative.

Good to know

Is Micans another name for a philodendron?

It is listed as a velvet-leaved form of *Philodendron hederaceum*; *Philodendron micans* is common in trade.

Why do the leaves shimmer differently?

Leaf age and viewing angle change the green and bronze tones on the velvety surface.

Can the plant climb?

Yes. The vines can be guided along a suitable support; the offer is grown as a trailing plant.

How do I water a high hanging plant?

Take it down for checking and watering, water evenly and let it drain completely.

May I use leaf-shine spray?

The velvety surface needs no artificial shine. Remove dust gently.

How can I encourage more branching?

During healthy growth, overlong vines can be selectively cut back above a node.

Why is the plant losing leaves?

Check light, remaining water in the decorative pot, warmth and pests. Individual old leaves can die naturally.

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