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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Delivery size	12 cm pot · about 15–20 cm total height
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Botanical spelling	Rhipsalis burchellii
Family	Cactaceae
Habit	Branched epiphytic cactus; young compact delivery plant
Recognisable by	Fine rounded shoots and pale hairs on young sections

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	Bright and indirect; avoid hot midday sun.	Forest origin requires another position than a desert cactus.
Water	Check after slight drying and water evenly.	Fine shoots need supply, but roots must not stay constantly wet.
Drainage	Completely remove excess from the outer pot.	Even a small outer pot can hold water unnoticed.
Substrate	Use a loose mix for epiphytic cacti.	Humus and coarse components combine moisture and ventilation.
Nutrients	Feed sparingly by label during new growth.	High concentration is unnecessary in small root space.
Repotting	Give only a little more room when densely rooted.	Rest branched shoots gently while working.
Winter	Keep bright and frost-free; water by root consumption.	Forced months-long dry rest does not suit this forest cactus.
Check	Carefully inspect branch junctions and pot rim.	Distinguish cottony deposits from natural fine hairs.

Knowledge that grows

Small branches deserve a close look

In the original many short green sections form a dense slightly irregular crown. Fine pale hairs sit on young shoot parts and tips. This looks different from a long smooth *Rhipsalis* cascade. The shop offer is called *Rhipsalis burchellii*; botanical spelling is *Rhipsalis burchellii*. Its green lines are succulent shoots, not ordinary leaves. View the small plant somewhere you occasionally come genuinely close, such as a bright sideboard beside your favourite chair.

A small pot with room to grow

The offered plant is in a 12 cm pot and about 15–20 cm in total height. Its young compact crown may branch further and later grow over the rim. Do not place between two close objects that push each new shoot aside. The nursery pot should lift easily from an outer pot. Handle the pot while unpacking and do not drag tips through a narrow cardboard edge. Our scene shows a possible plant position; outer container and furniture are not included.

Bright light instead of a hot sill

Rhipsalis burchellii is an epiphytic cactus from Brazil. In nature it grows perched in different light and root conditions from a desert cactus. Bright indirect daylight suits indoors. At a south window especially, check whether afternoon sun directly hits the small pot. A slightly set-back position can avoid sharp radiation without losing the plant in the room. Between dark shelf and hot sill often lies the suitable bright ledge.

The answer lies beneath the dense crown

Carefully hold one shoot aside and check upper soil before watering. Green plant surface alone says little about pot condition. After slight drying water evenly and drain excess. Briefly lift the pot afterwards: over time you recognise supplied versus clearly lighter roots. A narrow outer pot needs more attention than a free nursery pot. Make that small movement a habit rather than scheduling particularly long watering breaks solely because of the word cactus.

Protect the network during repotting

An airy epiphytic-cactus mix suits roots. When densely rooted, only a little extra room is initially needed. Rest overhanging shoots on a soft surface before loosening the pot, without pulling the crown. An old outer container can be removed; an accidentally torn shoot does not simply attach again in the same place. Sparing nutrients by label complement fresh-growth care. A healthy loose network need not constantly be cut into a perfect ball.

Observe winter at this position

In darker months growth may slow and soil stay moist longer. Keep bright and frost-free, rechecking before every supply. Dry heater airflow immediately nearby is unhelpful, but a move should have a specific reason. Watch whether new sections stay firm and the crown turns towards available light. The delivery plant is shown for shoot structure. Bloom or fruit set is not a promised offer component and needs no artificially forced care plan.

Pale hairs do not automatically mean trouble

The original's fine hairs belong to its appearance. Irregular cottony nests in junctions or at the base look different; examine those for mealybugs. For soft or shrivelled sections check roots and drainage before adding water. An injured single shoot differs from several damaged areas directly above wet soil. Photograph a noticeable spot for comparison. You recognise change better than briefly scanning the whole crown each day.

Pictures and details

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



AI-created detail based on the original shop photograph.
Enlarged view, not a depiction of delivery size.



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Good to know

Why burchelli in the shop and burchellii botanically?

The shop uses shortened spelling. The botanical source lists *Rhipsalis burchellii*; the specific offer remains linked.

Are pale hairs mould?

Fine evenly distributed hairs belong here to young shoots. Still examine irregular cottony deposits.

Will it stay a small ball?

The young delivery shape may branch and hang. 15–20 cm is not final size.

Does the cactus need full sun?

A bright indirect position suits better than hot unprotected midday sun.

Must I prune the crown regularly?

No. Treat only troublesome or damaged individual sections selectively.

Why check soil despite firm green shoots?

Succulent shoots may still look firm while an unfavourable water state develops inside the pot.

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