

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical name	Senecio stapeliformis
Delivery size	10 cm pot · approx. 20 cm total height
Family	Asteraceae
Habit	Upright narrow angular succulent shoots
Colour	Green with darker markings
Botanical reference	RHS: Senecio stapeliiformis, assigned to the genus Kleinia
Species flowering	Summer; thistle-like red to orange heads, not current delivery flowering
Lifespan	Perennial frost-sensitive succulent

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 filtered light under glass.	Do not force hot new sun abruptly.
Growth	Water moderately during active shoot growth.	Check the root ball before each watering.
Dormancy	Keep dry during dormancy.	Do not copy summer supply unchanged.
Drainage	Water onto soil and remove excess.	Avoid permanent wetness.
Substrate	Airy draining succulent mix.	Maintain mineral structure and open holes.
Fertiliser	Sparingly during growth with suitable low-nitrogen fertiliser.	Dose according to label and actual development.
Handling	Support the container and protect shoots.	Individual tips are not handles.
Checks	Check shoot bases, no routine pruning.	Preserve natural dark markings.

Knowledge that grows

Narrow rods with their own green markings

Many thin upright shoots form a small group above the container. Their angular surface shows short darker markings, and fresh tips differ from older lower sections. The plant initially recalls a cactus but belongs to the daisy family. The offer calls it *Senecio stapeliformis*. The RHS uses the spelling *Senecio stapeliiformis* and assigns the botanical reference to the genus *Kleinia*. The portrait makes that connection visible without confusing the narrow shoots with a completely different columnar cactus.

Carry the small group by its container

The offer specifies a 10-cm pot and roughly twenty centimetres total height. This describes the young assortment plant including the pot. A safe position is helpful for a slender body with many shoots: they should neither reach into a frequently used gripping area nor hit a hard shelf edge. Support the container when unpacking and do not pull individual tips. A small bright table or accessible shelf can show the markings. The container must remain liftable so soil can be checked and surplus water removed.

Cultivate brightly but with filtered light under glass

Bright filtered light is a good starting point indoors. Do not abruptly expose the young group to strong direct sun behind very hot glass. Observe upper fresh shoots and their form rather than merely an attractive decorative position. A deep dark corner does not offer the same cultivation value as a genuinely bright spot. After moving, first observe the response. New soil, extra fertiliser and a strong light increase need not happen simultaneously. This makes the rhythm of this unusual little succulent easier to understand.

Moderate during growth, dry during dormancy

The RHS describes moderate watering during growth and dry conditions in dormancy. Check the root ball before every watering and let soil dry between supplies. Water goes onto soil and excess drains freely; the shoot group does not stand permanently wet. Visible growth matters more than a rigid calendar. Little winter activity needs different supply from fresh growth in good light. A heavy moist pot is not refilled because the slender shape looks less water-storing than a broad rosette.

Soil combines structure with gentle handling

An airy draining succulent mix with mineral components supports the small root space. Container holes stay open. Repot when room is needed while the plant grows actively again; individual shoots are not used as holding aids. During growth, feed sparingly according to a suitable low-nitrogen fertiliser label. Routine pruning is unnecessary. Assess damaged parts specifically and inspect shoot bases regularly. Natural dark markings are not rubbed off as dirt. A quiet close-up helps compare a later change.

Flowers show the relationship more clearly than stems

The species can form red to orange thistle-like flower heads in summer. This explains its daisy-family relationship but does not promise current flowers on the young article. In winter, keep the frost-sensitive plant bright and protected, with dry dormancy according to development. A whole-plant image beside a photograph of angular markings is useful for the plant book. Note fresh shoots and genuinely visible buds. This lets you learn the particular plant without transferring care of any arbitrary cactus unchecked to the narrow green group.

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.
Outer pot and decoration not included in delivery.



Original shop photograph of the offered plant. 10 cm pot ·
approx. 20 cm total height.

Good to know

Is the plant a cactus?

No. The botanical reference belongs to Asteraceae, the daisy family.

Why do I find stapeliiformis with two i letters?

The RHS uses that spelling; the portrait retains the shop name and explains the relationship.

What does Kleinia mean?

The RHS assigns the species to this succulent botanical relationship group.

Are red flowers already present?

The offer shows young shoots; red to orange summer flowers of the species are not a current delivery promise.

How is it watered during dormancy?

The RHS describes dry dormancy. Supply is adjusted to actual development.

The matching offer

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English portrait



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