

# HOW TO PLANT DRAGON FRUIT IN KENYA: 9 STEPS



## 1. Select the Cuttings

Choose healthy stem segments or cuttings from the mature dragon fruit plant. These cuttings should be at least 12 to 18 inches (30–45 cm) long and have no signs of disease or damage.

## 2. Prepare the Cuttings

Cut the selected stems into segments, ensuring that each segment has at least one “node.” A node is a small bump or nub on the stem where roots and new growth will develop.

## 3. Let the Cuttings Dry (Optional)

Some gardeners recommend allowing the cuttings to air dry for a few days before planting. This can help prevent rotting. If you choose to do this, place the cuttings in a shaded area.

## 4. Plant the Cuttings

Fill your pots or containers with the well-draining potting mix. Insert the cuttings into the soil, burying one-third of each cutting. Make sure the nodes are below the soil surface.

## 5. Watering

Water the cuttings lightly after planting to settle the soil around them. Don't overwater, as dragon fruit cuttings are sensitive to excess moisture. Water sparingly until you see signs of growth.

## 6. Provide Support

Place the pots or containers in a location where the cuttings will receive indirect sunlight. As the cuttings grow, provide them with support structures for climbing, such as trellises or stakes.

## 7. Root Development

Over time, the cuttings will develop roots. It can take several weeks to a few months, depending on conditions. You can gently tug on the cuttings to check if they are anchored by roots.

## 8. Transplanting

Once the cuttings have established roots and are growing well, you can transplant them into your desired growing location, whether it's in the ground or larger containers.

## 9. Care and Maintenance

Continue caring for your dragon fruit plants by providing proper sunlight, well-draining soil, and minimal but consistent watering. Fertilize if needed with a balanced, water-soluble fertilizer.

