

Phalaenopsis Orchid Care Sheet



This variety is one of the easiest orchids to grow, and it flowers well as long as it is in the right environment.

- Light:** Phalaenopsis orchids do well indoors in bright, but indirect sunlight. The leaves will burn if in direct sun.
- Watering:** Usually once a week is sufficient in a cooler environment. You may need to water twice a week when the temperature is warmer.
- Humidity:** Phalaenopsis orchids prefer high humidity. A bathroom or kitchen location works well. In order to create humidity, place the pot over a shallow tray of pebbles and water or use a humidity tray. Orchids do not like wet feet so make sure the pot is above water level.
- Feeding:** Use an orchid fertilizer, following the directions. The concentration will depend on your preference to fertilize weekly or monthly.
- Temperature:** Phalaenopsis orchids prefer an average day time temperature of 70-85°F and a night time temperature of 55-65°F.
- Repotting:** Plants should be repotted every other year in an orchid bark mix or sphagnum moss.

When the last flower drops, cut your flower spike halfway down the stem to a node. Often, the plant will send out a new shoot from the cut location.