



Orchid Phalaenopsis

The **Phalaenopsis** will bloom at least once a year with blooms lasting from 2-4 months. In some cases, your plant may bloom more often.

Temperature: 50°-70° at night. 70°-85° during the day.

Light: Low light conditions in summer. In fall, move to a south or southeast window, never in full sun.

Water: When moss or bark feels dry to the touch, water thoroughly, allowing water to run through. Let plant drain completely before returning to a saucer, never allowing plant to sit in water. Do not use water that has been softened by addition of salts. Thoroughly flush with clear water once a month to prevent salt buildup.

Humidity: Normal, but not overly dry. Do not mist plant.

Fertilization: Use an orchid food such as Better-gro, a urea free food with nitrate nitrogen, feeding at every watering.

Growing Medium: Phalaenopsis like a moist medium but prefers to dry out between waterings. Spagnum moss, charcoal and bark are all acceptable. Make sure plant has good drainage. Don't let the plant dry out for an extended period, particularly during flowering cycle, as it may drop buds and flowers. Do not crowd the plant as it likes adequate air movement.