



## Vanda Orchid Care



Vanda hybrids are traditionally bred and grown in the Far East for cut flower as the blooms have a good, long-lasting quality. They are commonly grown hanging up by a small plastic or wooden basket with their long, aerial roots exposed to the air and moisture around them. In their native countries it is always very humid with regular rainfall so they keep moist all the time. To grown them in cultivation needs a little more work. Ideally a warm and humid orchid house is the best as this is the nearest to what they need. As these orchids are becoming more widely grown, more people want to grow them in the house.

This can be a challenge as the indoor environment can be too dry for them, so there are **3 main ways to grow these orchids:**

1. **Hanging** with their roots exposed and sprayed heavily with water daily in summer, every 2-3 days in winter.
2. **Placed in a glass vase** with a little water in the base and sprayed regularly. This helps to keep a humid environment around the roots.
3. **Potted** in loose bark chippings with the majority of the aerial roots in the bark to help keep them moist and prevent dehydration. This is perhaps the best way to grow in the home but spraying and watering is still required 2-3 times a week in summer.

**LIGHT:** Vandas need good light to enable them to flower well so keep in a bright position in winter to give maximum available light and in a shadier position in summer to prevent scorching from the direct sun.

**FEEDING:** Add the feed to the water that you spray onto the leaves and roots and pour through the pot if potted in bark. Dilute as directed.

**FLOWERING:** After flowering trim the dead stem off and continue to grow as above, with correct culture the plant should bloom again within 12 months.

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