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Phalaenopsis

The popular “Moth Orchids” make good indoor plants because they can tolerate the drier heat of central heating as well as having extremely long-lasting flowers at any time of year. They do not have bulbs like other orchids but instead grow fleshy leaves, which store food and water, with new ones forming from the central crown. They also produce aerial roots that come over the side of the pot as well as into the bark compost.



Temperature - Min. 18°C Max. 25°C

Light - To help with re-flowering keep phalaenopsis shaded from the bright summer sun but good light in winter.

Watering - Regularly water all year round but make sure the roots dry out in between waterings. The clear pots help with this as you can see the roots. Wet roots are green, grey roots are dry and ready for water. Overwatering will cause roots to rot and go brown.

Feeding - Feed with a Grow feed in spring/summer or if the plant is growing leaves. Use Bloom feed to encourage flowering and when in flower.

Bark Type - Use a medium grade orchid bark for repotting.

Re-Potting - Repot in the spring or after flowering, every 2-3 years.

Flowering - Phalaenopsis do not have a set season and so can bloom all year round for months at a time. Before all the flowers die trim the stem back to one of the eyes on the stem below the flowers. This eye should then grow a new branch of buds. Trim the stem back to the base to get a fresh stem,

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