

Re-Flowering Phalaenopsis

1. Phalaenopsis will bloom for months at a time if kept in the right conditions in the home. When all the buds have opened and the flowers start to drop then it is time to trim the stem back.



2. Along the length of the main stem there are many eyes/nodes. Before all the flowers have died and the sap is still rising, cut the stem right off above the highest eye. If all the flowers have dropped then the stem may start to die back and not grow from the eye.



3. If successful, within a few weeks the eye will then start to produce a side branch with more flower buds.



4. When this branch has flowered, repeat by cutting above the next eye down the main stem and so on. When the base of the stem is reached or it fails to re-bloom for you, then cut off at the base. Occasionally a new plant (keiki) may grow from the stem, allow this to get a few leaves and roots and then gently remove and pot in orchid bark.

