



PHALAENOPSIS CARE (INCLUDES GEMSTONES AND DARLINGS)

PLACEMENT:

Phalaenopsis are strictly indoor plants. For best results, find your plant a bright, well-lit area in your home or office.

LIGHT:

Keep in bright but indirect indoor light.

WATER AND FERTILIZER:

For plants grown in bark, water once per week at most, and only if potting medium is dry. Submerge entire pot in water for 5 minutes and allow to drain OR place 2 to 3 ice cubes on top of potting medium. Phalaenopsis grown in sphagnum moss (e.g., our Darling Orchids) need water less frequently; every two weeks should be sufficient. Be sure to water moss thoroughly, since moss that is very dry may not immediately absorb water. For both, fertilize with a balanced mix (e.g., Grow More 20-10-20) every other watering at half the normal dose.

TEMPERATURE:

Best range is 65-80°F while blooming.

CONTINUING CARE:

After the last flower expires, cut the spike above the node (nodes are those bumps on the stem) from which the first flower appeared. A new spike can branch off within weeks. Alternatively, remove the flower spike entirely to allow the plant to recover and form a new spike in 3 to 4 months.

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