

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN CAN I EXPECT BLOOMS?

They may bloom the first season but often wait until the second season. Most plants also get a second wind in autumn with another flush of flowering. Once they start they do so for decades on end. Flowers open in early evening and are spent by early morning the next day. Cut away only if desired.

ARE THEY REALLY FRAGRANT OR JUST A LITTLE?

Their bouquet is huge and intoxicating. You are in for a surprise.

DO THEY LIKE WET FEET?

Not at all. Water the plants thoroughly letting the excess water drain through the bottom of the pot. Be sure to keep excess water out of any saucer underneath pot. During the spring and summer water them once a week all summer long. Water sparingly once or twice a month from November to March. This helps to encourage buds.

CAN THEY BE GROWN INSIDE YEAR ROUND?

When nights stay above 55 degrees place your plants outside and leave them there all summer long- the hotter the better. The point is they like a change in day to night temperatures to grow and bloom properly. When temperatures drop below 45 degrees in the autumn, bring your plants inside. If you live where nights rarely drop below 45 degrees, you can leave your plants outside year round.

WHAT SIZE AND TYPE OF CONTAINER IS BEST?

These plants are very unique. They are both upright and trailing by nature. They do best in a container with a pedestal underneath. If planted in a hanging basket use a large 10 inch diameter. Either hang the basket or place it on a pedestal so the leaves can hang down and grow up as well.

ARE MAKING YOUR OWN CUTTINGS EZ?

This plant is an answer to your dreams as far as propagating. In summer, cut at least a 6 inch tip cutting(s). Let it dry out for one week and plant them. Water them once a week letting the soil dry out on the surface. If part of a leaf gets damaged or broken, cut away about an inch below the blemish. This 'haircut' will increase the bushy nature of the plant considerably! You can give any leaf a haircut trim at any time of year.

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

When your plant arrives from Roberta's, remove from the shipping box immediately.

Remove plastic bag and sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Pull away any yellow or brown leaves that may have occurred during transit. If you can not plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.

When ready to plant, do the job as early in the day as possible to avoid extreme soil temperatures that prevent proper water uptake from the roots. Water them in well and whisper a few words of wisdom.

Thank you for your order!

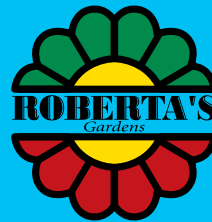
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Fragrant Prickly Free
Orchid Cactus
(*Epiphyllum oxypetalum*)



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QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Partial or Dappled
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	10-11
PLANTING DISTANCE:	12 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	36-48 inches 24-30 inches
BLOOM TIME:	Summer to Fall
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS: (soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)	Remove plastic bag and sleeve from around potted plant(s). If you can not plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.

PLANTING GUIDE

1
STEP

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2
STEP

Transplant separately into a larger container. These plants are very unique. They are both upright and trailing by nature. They do best in a container with a pedestal underneath. If planted in a hanging basket use a large 10 inch diameter. Either hang the basket or place it on a pedestal so the leaves can hang down and grow up as well.

3
STEP

You should place plants outside as long as evening temperatures stay above 50 to 55 degrees Fahrenheit. Plants prefer partial sun or dappled light.

4
STEP

These plants respond to regular summer monthly fertilizing with a balanced houseplant food that promotes growth and flowering.

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POTTED PLANTS

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SOIL

They like bagged potting mixes for houseplants that will drain well. Most garden centers carry various brand names with perlite, vermiculite, soil and sand.

GARDEN PREPARATION

Plants should be grown in containers.

PLANTING SPACING

These plants must be grown in containers. Space at least 12 inches if you grow more than one per container.

PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH

These will grow about 12 inches taller and wider per year up to 40 inches tall and 24 to 30 inches wide.

WATER

Water the plants thoroughly letting the excess water drain through the bottom of the pot. Be sure to keep excess water out of any saucer underneath pot. During the spring and summer water them once a week all summer long. Water sparingly once or twice a month from November to March. This helps to encourage buds.

FERTILIZER

To promote more flowers use a well balanced fertilizer like Roberta's Flower Magic Plant Food (M7503) once a month spring through late summer.

LIGHTING

Partial sun or dappled light is best in summer. In winter months bright diffused light is more than sufficient. Full sun will burn them.

BLOOMING

Large 10 to 12 inch wide flowers open in early evening and are spent by early morning the next day. Cut away only if desired. They may bloom the first season but often wait until the second season. Most plants also get a second wind in autumn with another flush of flowering. Once they start they do so for decades on end.

TEMPERATURE ZONE 10 to 11

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WINTER SEASON

In the winter months inside the home, plants slow down their growth. Water sparingly once or twice a month from November - March. This helps to encourage buds.

SUPPORT

These plants are trailing by nature and require a pedestal under container or need to be planted in a hanging basket.

PRUNING/GROOMING

In summer, you can give these plants a trim or 'haircut'. It is a win-win proposition because you can plant the healthy tip cutting that you have cut. In addition, it will increase the bushy nature of the plant considerably.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Orchid Cactus shipped as shown



4 year old plant



Flower size is huge



Flowers open at dusk



Flowers thick and fragrant



Long lived plant in Bavaria, Germany