

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN CAN I EXPECT BLOOMS

Although some will bloom sporadically this summer, most will bloom beginning with the second season. Most plants also get a second wind in autumn with another flush of flowering.

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 trailing by nature and require a pedestal under their container or need to be planted in a hanging basket. Repot the plants into larger 6 inch pots separately or together in one 8-10 inch container. You may move them up once every few years. Plants never need a pot larger than 12 inch container

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.



Our Warranty (Annuals and Tropical Plants)

We aren't happy if you aren't happy. If you have any questions regarding your order please call us at 1-800-428-9726 during the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm EST.

You can email questions to us at: plantquestions@robertasinc.com.

If your bulbs, cuttings etc. do not sprout, or your plant dies within 90 days from the date of shipment, we will send you a replacement free of charge. We cannot accept responsibility for losses due to extreme weather or neglect. Simply call us at the above toll free number or fill out the plant replacement form on our website at www.robertasinc.com.

Roberta's will replace it with a similar or comparable plant at no charge. If your replacement is not available or it is too late in the season to ship, it will ship the following year.

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Plant Hardiness Zone Map



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ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Orchid Cactus Collection (Epiphyllum hybrids)



QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full or Partial
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	10-11
PLANT TYPE	Tropical
PLANTING DISTANCE:	6-8 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	15-20 inches 18-24 inches
BLOOM TIME:	Summer - Early Autumn
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS:	Unpack your plant(s) immediately removing any packing material. Cut away any yellow or brown leaves or broken stems that may have occurred. On rare occasion very slight prickles form on young growth but will quickly fall away as the plant grows.

(soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)

PLANTING GUIDE

1 STEP	Unpack your plant(s) immediately removing any packing material. Cut away any yellow or brown leaves or broken stems that may have occurred. On rare occasion very slight prickles form on young growth but will quickly fall away as the plant grows.
2 STEP	Water the plant(s) thoroughly letting the excess water drain through the bottom of the pot(s). Repeat once a week all summer. Be sure to keep excess water out of any saucer underneath pot.
3 STEP	These plants are trailing by nature and require a pedestal under their container or need to be planted in a hanging basket. Repot the plants into larger 6 inch pots separately or together in one 8-10 inch container. Water again.
4 STEP	Place plants outside during summer in full or partial sun when evening temperatures stay above 55 F degrees.

CONTINUING CARE

PLANT PREPARATION
Cut away any yellow or brown leaves or broken stems that may have occurred. This grooming is completely normal.

POTTED PLANTS
These plants are trailing by nature and require a pedestal under their container or need to be planted in a hanging basket. Repot the plants into larger 6 inch pots separately or together in one 8-10 inch container. You may move them up once every few years. Plants never need a pot larger than 12 inch container.

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. Crowding is o.k.

PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH
These will grow about 6-10 inches per year up to 15-20 inches tall and 18-24 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 – 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. They enjoy leaf feeding as often as once a week.

LIGHTING
Full or partial sun is best in summer. In winter months bright diffused light is more than sufficient.

BLOOMING
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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
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.

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.

GROOMING

If part of a leaf get damaged or broken, cut away about an inch below the blemish. This 'haircut' will increase the bushy nature of the plant considerably! In addition, always remove spent flowers.

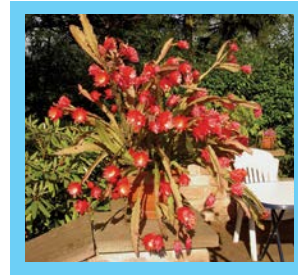
LEAF CLEANING

Monthly misting with a solution of soapy water will insure glossy pest free leaves. Mix one half teaspoon of standard liquid dish soap and one half teaspoon of vegetable oil in a quart spray bottle of water, shake, and mist the plant profusely.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Orchid Cactus
Shipped
As Shown



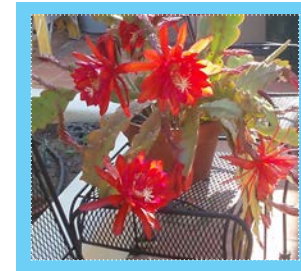
Orchid Cactus
3 Years Old



Red & Pink Orchid Cacti



Orange & Yellow



2 year old Orange
Orchid Cactus