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## Culture Guide for: *Phalaenopsis*

### Temperature:

Phalaenopsis enjoy a fairly warm climate. The ideal night temperature being 62°F- 65°F and daytime temperature of 75°and over. If grown outdoors, Phalaenopsis require protection below 50°F, especially if flower spike has been initiated. It makes an ideal house plant.

### Light & Shade:

Light requirements for Phalaenopsis are fairly easy to attain. If grown in a windowsill, northern exposure proves to be the best. Otherwise, east or west with the plant being placed further from the light source. If grown on porch or patio, no direct sun in summer, morning sun through a screen in winter is okay.

### Watering & Feeding:

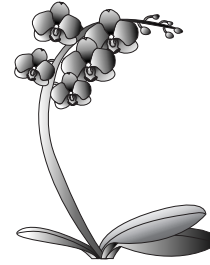
Water Phalaenopsis thoroughly as it approaches dryness. Under most growing conditions watering is done at 5-10 day intervals. Phalaenopsis are known for their fast and continual growth. During the summer feed every other watering. During fall and winter this should be reduced to every third or fourth watering.

### Humidity & Air Circulation:

Phalaenopsis are of monopodial growth without any pseudo bulbs to help restore moisture. For this reason, it is important to provide good humidity, 50-70% is considered ideal. However, if the plant is kept well watered it will adapt to a lower humidity. **GOOD AIR CIRCULATION IS IMPORTANT**, especially when the temperature and humidity are high.

### Potting:

Repot your Phalaenopsis every year! Spring is generally considered the best time for transplanting, or immediately after flowering. Cut flower stem off at base of plant when it has finished flowering. Remove plant from pot & clean roots with water. If any roots are soft or mushy, clip off with scissors. Choose a pot only large enough to hold root mass-water in. Phals love to be repotted.



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