

**MURIEL 1-STEM PHALAENOPSIS** *Phalaenopsis amabilis* 

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The Phalaenopsis Orchid, also called the Moth Orchid features large velvety blooms on a long arching stem that emerges from olive-green foliage. In their native habitats, Phalaenopsis Orchids can be found growing in the nooks and crannies of other plants and trees, dangling beautifully amidst the tropical landscape. The blooms of the Phalaenopsis Orchid can sometimes last as long as 4 months in spaces with adequate humidity and consistently warm temperatures, making them a great economical choice as flowering houseplants.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN:** Indonesia & the Philippines

GREAT FOR: Low Sunlight

FEATURES: Colorful; Conversation Piece

**GROWTH RATE:** Slow



## LIGHT

While blooming, place the orchid anywhere out of direct sunlight. When not in bloom, bright indirect light is best.



#### LEVEL OF CARE

Easy! Despite a misconceived reputation as being hard to grow, Phalaenopsis Orchids are some of the easiest to maintain.

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## FERTILIZER

Use any balanced orchid fertilizer at half-strength every week or two. Once a month flush out the potting mix with clean water.

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#### **PRUNING & PROPAGATION**

Blooms last several months and will fall off on their own. If wilted, just prune or gently break from the stem for tidier appearance. After last bloom as fallen off, cut stem down to the base to encourage leaves to grow.

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About every 10-12 days, touch the moss for dryness. If top feels dry, add about a quarter cup of water.

## TEMPERATURE

Keep above 60°F at night and between 70-80°F during the day. The maximum they can handle is usually 95°F.



## SOIL

Plants in sphagnum moss require less frequent watering. A mixture of moss and bark is best for long-term growth.



Yes! Phalaenopsis Orchids are non-toxic if consumed by dogs and cats.





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