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## Repotting Orchids



Repotting a Phalaenopsis, or Moth Orchid, can seem like a daunting task. These orchids definitely have particular preferences in care and repotting as well. Learn the useful skill of repotting these special orchids and keep them happy for years.

First, make sure your Phalaenopsis actually wants to be repotted. They are fine being root bound in a small pot, but if the roots are dramatically growing out of their container, it's probably a good time to repot.

Use a container, either the same or a larger size, and fill the bottom with a layer of damp but not soaking large orchid bark mixed with perlite and a bit of peat moss.

Lift the Phalaenopsis from its container and remove all old potting medium from the orchid's roots.

Snip off any dead or damaged roots. Holding the orchid in your left hand, wrap the healthy roots in a gentle and loose ball form with your right hand.

Place the orchid root ball on top of the bottom layer of bark inside the container. Maintaining a steady left hand on your orchid, making sure it remains straight, fill the potting medium around the roots and gently tamp down the potting mix.



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