

# Jewel Orchids

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Jewel Orchids are an excellent choice for orchid lovers because they are relatively easy to grow and care for. These great plants are known for their dark green leaves with silver/white vein markings. The small white flowers bloom on spikes that reach 6-16 inches tall. Blooms in the fall, winter and spring and grows best in warm (75-85°F) temperatures.

**LIGHT:** Medium light, 1-3 hours of direct sunlight for the best leaf coloring and the most blooms

**WATER AND SOIL:** Water thoroughly, and then let the soil dry slightly between waterings. Jewel Orchids like high humidity as well. The easiest way to create extra humidity is to use two saucers, keeping stones and water in the outside tray at all times. Always empty the inside tray of excess water.

**FERTILIZE:** Feed every 6 weeks with Peters Orchid Fertilizer (30-10-10).

**PROPAGATION:** Break stems into pieces 4-5 inches long with nodes where leaves have grown. Root cuttings in moist sphagnum moss or in water, using a rooting hormone.

**GROOMING:** When blooms fade, cut the bloom spike back to the top of the leaf, where it grew from. Clean off old leaves as they yellow.

**COMMENTS:** Easy to grow, Jewels like sphagnum peat moss or light potting soil, not the bark orchid soil used on other orchids. These compact, humidity-loving plants are a good choice for terrariums. Silky, eye-catching foliage looks great even when plants are not in bloom, making them wonderful houseplants.