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Cutting Phalaenopsis After Bloom

There are 2 ways to cut a *Phalaenopsis* flower stem after blooming, depending on how mature the plant is. Cutting the flower stem near the base is appropriate for all *Phalaenopsis*. You do have another option if your *Phalaenopsis* is larger and more mature, with a leaf span of 30cm (12") or more. You can cut the stem 5mm (1/4") above the last unbloomed node to induce branching. Flowers on a branched stem are usually not as floriferous and blooms are sometimes smaller than those from the primary stem. Although some varieties may be induced to repeatedly branched in this way, we advise to let your plant get a rest by cutting the stem at the base, once the branch is done blooming and prior to re-blooming. If you do not get budding 3 months after cutting your *Phalaenopsis* at the top, we recommend recutting it at the bottom to induce a new flower spike. Remember that *Phalaenopsis* require cool nights for 6-8 weeks to re-bloom.

