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## *Masdevallia*

These delicate yet vigorous plants are available in bright yellows, reds, whites, electric purple and orange. Patterns range from solid colors to spotted, mottled, or striped! These plants can grow and bloom year round. Mature plants carry several blooms at once, single blooms last 2 to 4 weeks with blooming period lasting several months.

**Temperature:** *Masdevallias* prefer cool to average household temperatures, 17 to 20°C (62 to 68°F) during the day, night 12 to 17°C (54 to 65°F). These plants prefer cool day temperatures but will tolerate warmer temperatures for short periods of time if air movement and humidity is increased. Keep out of drafts.

**Light:** Prefers low light conditions, such as north or east facing window or west window with sheer curtains. Leaves normally vibrant green, but will bleach if plant gets too much light or darken if not enough light is given.

**Watering:** Keep evenly moist. Do not let dry out. Water every 3 to 5 days year round. Misting is also beneficial. Do not let stand in water.

**Fertilizing:** Fertilize at quarter strength with 28-14-14 at every watering to promote new growth. To promote blooming, fertilize with 10-30-20 at quarter strength.

**Re-blooming:** Night temperatures 8 °C (15 °F) cooler than day temperatures are required for these plants to bloom on maturing new growths. Seasonal temperature changes also encourage blooming. *Masdevallias* have a flush of blooms in spring but will bloom year round.

**Repotting and potting medium type:** Repot every 12 to 24 months, as required. Use either pure long fiber sphagnum moss or a fine fir bark and charcoal mix.