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## *Paphiopedilum* Maudiae type

Better known as “lady’s slipper orchid” or “paph”, these are prized for their rich colors and unusual shape. Available in green and white (alba), almost entirely burgundy (vinicolor) and green, white, and burgundy (coloratum). Flowers may last for 3 to 6 weeks. Plants generally bloom between fall and spring.

**Temperature:** Paphs with mottled or net-like markings on leaves prefer warmer temperatures, day at 22 to 28°C (72 to 82°F) and night minimum of 18°C (65°F). Keep out of draft.

**Light:** refers to low light conditions, such as north or east facing window with sheer curtains. Leaves will bleach if plant gets too much light or darken if not enough light is given.

**Watering:** Keep medium evenly moist. Water approximately every 4 to 7 days depending on household temperatures and light levels. Do not let plant stand in water.

**Fertilizing:** After blooming, fertilize at half strength with 28-14-14 to promote new growth. When new growth matures, start fertilizing with 10-30-20 at half strength to promote flowering.

**Re-blooming:** Paphs will bloom on mature new growths, usually in spring, given adequate light, water and fertilizers.

**Re-potting and potting medium type:** Repot every 12 to 24 months. Use a fresh terrestrial orchid potting mixture containing fine fir bark, charcoal and perlite.