

Jewel Orchid

Hearing the word “orchid” makes us imagine elegant, colorful flowers, with simple leaves and thin stalks. However, jewel orchid breaks this convention by showing off with large, eye-catching foliage.

The large leaves have maroon to black shades, with lighter veins that have similar shade with the base. This orchid is also great as an indoor plant and perfect for rooms with minimum light.



They have thick roots (rhizomes) that creep above the soil, and upright stem that ends with small flowers.

This flower may not need complicated preparations to grow. However, you still need to fulfill several requirements, such as:

1. Ideal Soil and Water Intake

Many jewel orchid species grow in the rainforest, so they need loamy soil full of organic matters to grow healthily. You can just use a special potting mix made for regular orchids. It also needs a lot of water, although it does not appreciate “flooding”.

2. Dim Light

Jewel orchids still requires some indirect light to grow well. However, it cannot tolerate direct light for a long time, since the leaves colors can fade. Using fluorescent light can help your plant grow happily in a dark apartment.

3. High Humidity

As a rainforest-originated plant, jewel orchid needs high humidity, especially if you keep it in an enclosed apartment. Placing a humidifier in the room is the easy solution to reach ideal humidity level.

In short, planting jewel orchid plant is similar to growing begonia indoors. Once you get the hang of it, you can enjoy the quiet beauty of this flower anytime.