



HELLO, WE ARE THE

# Wax Plants!

HOYA SPECIES

## Get to know me

We are a relatively large genus of climbing or creeping tropical vines found throughout Asia, Polynesia, New Guinea and Australia. We are the full package, amazing foliage and flowers! We don't like to generalize as we are all different in many ways but we do get our common name of Wax Plant from our waxy leaves and flowers. Our flowers are spectacular with five triangular, thick waxy petals shaped like stars that we produce in hanging clusters from persistent peduncles also known as spurs. We produce our flowers in many different sizes and color combinations and many of us even produce strongly scented flowers!

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## What I like

### POSITION



We're generally tough as hell and can handle deep shade to almost direct sunlight. Be aware though, we need bright light to flower so if you're growing us in a shady spot, don't expect any!

### TEMPERATURE



As we are mostly tropical we like warm humid conditions and don't handle frost well, although most of us will handle cooler temperatures especially if you keep us on the drier side.

### WATER



Again, we're pretty tough when it comes to watering but as a general rule, let the top centimeter or two of soil in our pot dry out before watering again in the growing season (Spring and Summer). In the colder months let us dry out much more before watering again. If in doubt, let us dry out!

### FERTILIZER



A good pinch of slow release fertilizer formulated for indoor plants at the start of spring is all we need!

### RE-POTTING



Although we are pretty fast growers we can handle being pot bound so we shouldn't need to be repotted too often. As we are an epiphytic bunch we prefer a soil mix that free draining. A mix formulated for Cymbidium orchids is good for us or you could try this recipe: 3 parts perlite, 3 parts cocoa peat, and 1 part vermiculite.

## What I don't like

### FROST & SOGGY SOIL



We don't like frost or continuously soggy soil but then again neither do most houseplants! As I said, most of us are pretty tough.

Handy hint, if you prune off our spurs when we are done flowering we will be pissed and won't flower again next year!



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