



1. **Clean area to work** - I put a large garbage bag down on my kitchen table.
2. **Epiphytic orchid** - Certain genera and species work better, such as Phalaenopsis, Oncidium, Vanda, and Neostylis. This is where a more common species is good.
3. **Orchid mount** - It is important to use a clean, sterile mount which has a rough surface for the orchid roots to attach to. Good mounting material includes cork bark, driftwood, clay pots, tree fern, or a rough stone.
4. **Bowl of water** – You will soak your orchid to soften the roots and loosen them from the inside of the pot.
5. **Sphagnum moss** – This will be used to help keep the orchid roots moist on the mount.
6. **Blunt knife** – This may be needed to help remove the orchid from its pot.
7. **Garden scissors** – These are used to cut away any dead roots from the orchid.
8. **Shoelaces or cable ties** – These are used to secure the orchid to the mount.