

Tips for Success

Water: Water your plants immediately after taking them out of the box. Give them enough water so that the soil appears damp and water trickles out the bottom of the pot. Make sure you remove any excess water that may reside in the tray beneath the plant.

Lady Slipper Orchid: Simply the most ravishing Orchid we have ever brought to QVC, this Lady Slipper Orchid produces sophisticated blooms unlike anything you've grown before. Each bloom touts a cute yellow pouch that looks like a slipper, with green and white striped upper petals. The foliage is equally lovely with mottled green and white leaves. Don't be scared, these are also some of the easiest orchids to grow and to encourage reblooming each year. Finally fall in love with a stunning orchid you can easily grow.

Flowers: We love these Orchids because they are by far the easiest Orchids to get to bloom consistently each year. There is no tricky regiment to encourage blooms like other orchids. Simply keep them in a bright room and the changing of the seasons will naturally encourage them to bloom in spring time each year.

First Year Maintenance: For perennials, the first year (or sometimes two) will require additional maintenance. During the first season of growth, even if the plant is known to be drought-tolerant, it is very important to water your plants on a regular basis, meaning up to 3-4 times per week. When plants are in their infancy stage, they need to be watered by their caretaker until they've had a chance to build a strong enough root system to subsist on their own. If you are experiencing severe heat, drought like conditions, or your plants appear consistently droopy, you may need to water your plants almost every day.



Roberta's Gardens PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Lady Slipper Orchid
Paphiopedilum hybrids 'Maudiae'

We aren't happy if you aren't happy. If you have any questions regarding your order please call us at **1-765-525-4065** during the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm EST.

You can email questions to us at: customerservice@robertasinc.com.

If your bulbs, cuttings, etc. do not sprout, or your plant dies within 90 days from the date of shipment, we will send you a replacement free of charge. We cannot accept responsibility for losses due to extreme weather or neglect. Simply call us at the above toll free number or fill out the plant replacement form on our website at RobertasUniqueGardens.com.

Roberta's will replace it with a similar or comparable plant at no charge. If your replacement is not available or it is too late in the season to ship, it will ship the following year.

Annual and Tropical Plants



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Quick Reference

 **Plant Type:** Tropical

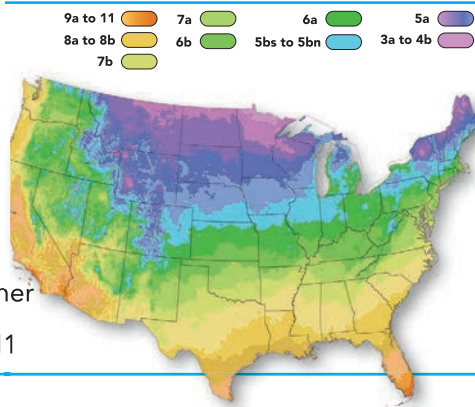
 **Light/Sun:** Partial Sun to Partial Shade

 **Mature Height:** 10-12"

 **Mature Spread:** 6-8"

 **Bloom Time:** Spring to Summer

 **USDA Hardiness Zones:** 9 to 11



Plant Caretaking

Upon Arrival: Please take plants out of the box immediately and remove any shipping materials from around the plants. Give them some water and place them in a warm shaded area for 1-2 days.

Planting Depth & Spacing: Unless you live where the weather never gets below 55F, these should be grown indoors as a houseplant

Potted Plants: Make sure your container has holes to allow excess water to drain. Excellent drainage is imperative. You can keep your plants in the pot they arrive in for a couple years. After about two years you may transplant one plant to a 6" container. Alternatively, you can plant multiple together in a larger pot right from the start. For example, you could plant three plants together in a 12" container.

Soil Preparation: These orchids have very specific soil needs. You can purchase a bagged orchid blend at most garden centers or box stores. They can also be planted in orchid bark or sphagnum moss.

Watering: Lady Slipper Orchids need to retain a slight amount of moisture at all times. But when grown in the correct soil medium this is easy to accomplish. A small amount of water weekly tends to be sufficient. Be sure to empty out any water that resides in the tray beneath. They don't like to sit in water.

Fertilizer: Use Roberta's Bounty a couple weeks after planting and then once or twice a month all year.

Pet Considerations: Ensure your pets do not consume plants.

Planting Steps

Step 1 Remove plants from their box and take off other packing materials. Open your box outside or somewhere you don't mind getting messy, as some of the soil may have been shaken loose in transit.

Step 2 Check if your plant is thirsty. They probably need a nice drink of water after their voyage. If the plant feels light or the soil is dry to the touch, give your plants a watering.

Step 3 Allow your plants time to adjust to their new home by placing them in a warm shady window for 1-2 days.

Step 4 These Orchids arrive in the perfect growing medium and typically do not need to be replanted until after a few years.

Step 5 Simply keep your Orchids in the pot they arrive in. You can dress up the appearance by slipping the pot into a decorative cache pot.

