

CLIVIAS IN HANGING BASKETS

1. Step by step planting guide

- 1.1 Centre the bare rooted plant in a suitable size basket (see 2 below) and keep it in position at the level you want the plant to stand after planting.
- 1.2 Fill the basket with potting medium (see 3 below).
- 1.3 Compact the medium lightly as you fill the basket.
- 1.4 Adjust the level of the plant as necessary by pulling it up (if it is too deep).
- 1.5 Water the container well.
- 1.6 Hang the basket in a suitable area which will provide around 80% shade
- 1.7 Adjust the chain length to suit the plant size (see 2 below).

2. Matching the basket to the plant size

- 2.1 Baskets are normally available in sizes 25cm, 30cm, 35cm and 40cm (10, 12, 14 and 16 inches).
- 2.2 Select the size of basket suitable for the relevant plant. As a guide the following may be helpful:
 - Small size plant (eg. Henglan, etc.) use 25cm basket
 - Medium size plant (eg. Daruma, etc.) use 30cm basket
 - Larger plants (eg. Chinese broad leaves, compact hybrids, etc.) use 35 or even 40cm depending on expected adult plant size projected.
- 2.3 BT Products baskets come complete with choir liners and a standard chain. In the case of taller growing plants the chain may be extended by removing the S-hook and adding a second chain (available as an option from your stockist of baskets).

3. Planting medium

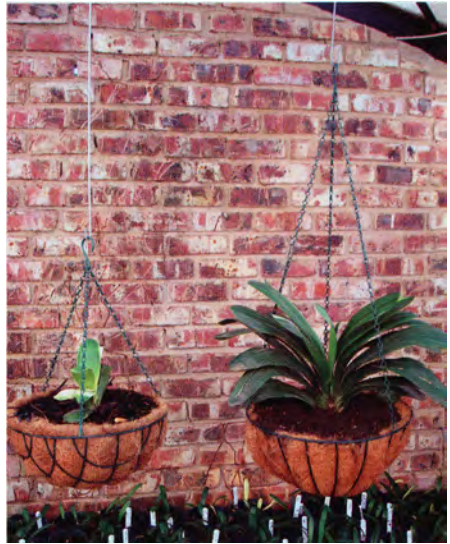
- 3.1 Normal potting medium may be used. However, given the faster evaporation of a wire basket a medium containing floral oasis (such as "Braaks") may be more suitable. Other water retaining substances such as perlite, super absorbents, peat, etc. may also be considered.





4. Feeding and watering

- 4.1 Due to the fast and efficient drainage of wire baskets, organic fertilizers should be considered (as it will take longer to wash out from the planting medium). Examples are bone meal hoof and horn meal, etc. One RSA balanced fertilizer is marketed by Talborne Products.
- 4.2 Plants in wire baskets need more frequent watering compared to plants in plastic pots due to more efficient drainage and better evaporation.



5. Benefits of planting in choir lined wire baskets

- 5.1 Wire hanging baskets lined with choir allows for faster drainage and better evaporation preventing waterlogged 'dead man' causing root rot in plastic pots.
- 5.2 More frequent watering allows for more regular feeding and healthier plants.



- 5.3 Free drainage and air movement around the roots allows more oxygen resulting in better growth.
- 5.4 Better utilization of space if baskets are hanged from trees.
- 5.5 Saving on bench costs to keep plants off the ground.
- 5.6 By using flat bottom wire baskets (available in RSA from BT Products outlets) chains may be removed and plants may be placed

on a flat surface.

- 5.7 Plants in baskets looks esthetically pleasing and may be incorporated in any design and landscape.

Wire hanging baskets should be available from garden centers and gardening outlets.

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