**Easy Terrestrial Orchids**



**Jewel orchids**

* Stunning leaf patterns/veinings/textures
* Care for it just like an African violet
* Light: 1-2 hours of filtered/morning sun or any bright unobstructed window is fine
* Temperature: average household temp
* Potting: wide and shallow bulb pan
* Medium: 50% regular potting mix and 50% perlite
* Watering: let dry slightly in between



**Spathoglottis**

* Pleated/palm-like leaves, purple flowers
* Care for it just like a palm
* Light: as much direct indoor sun as possible. South windows preferred.
* Temperature: warmer is better (75-80F)
* Medium: 75% regular potting mix and 25% perlite.
* Humidity: above 50%, more is better
* Watering: keep evenly moist



**Bletilla**

* Often called Chinese Ground Orchid
* Sold at big box stores late winter/early spring as bulb packages. Can be grown outdoor in part sun area
* Light: morning sun/dappled shade
* Soil: garden loam, well drained, rich in organic matters, keep evenly moist
* Will go dormant in winter, bloom in spring with new growth.



**Maudiae type Paphiopedilum**

* Semi-terrestrials with spectacularly patterned foliage and intriguing flowers with pouches
* Light: dappled sunlight preferably from an East window; more shade needed in the West and South window; North window OK only when very bright
* Temperature: average household temperature
* Medium: 50% sphagnum moss and 50% coarse perlite; alternatively, fine fir bark OK
* Potting: repot every 1-2 years, prefer smaller pot that only slightly larger than the root mass; also slightly cover the base with potting medium
* Watering: moist but dry slightly between watering