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# **GROWING SUPPLIES**



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#### **Round Plastic Pots**



The photo above shows the pots in relation to each other. The photos below are not to scale in comparison with each other. All pots in this section have drainage holes.

**2" Plastic Pot** - 2" across the mouth and 2" tall. Excellent for miniature babies. White only.

**2 1/4" Plastic Pot** 2 1/4" across the mouth and 2 1/16" tall. White only. Item #137A, **2 1/4" pot ea.**, \$.29, 1/2 oz.; Item #137, **per 12,** \$2.79, 3 oz.;

Item #137F **per 25**, \$5.19, 6 oz.; Item #137G **per 50**, \$9.19, 11 oz. Item #137B **per 100**, \$17.19, 22 oz.; Item #137C **per 500**, \$81.19, 110 oz.



**2 1/2" Plastic Pot -** 2 1/2" across the mouth and 2 1/4" tall; a nice size for semi-miniatures. White only.

Item #115A, **2 1/2" pot each**, \$.29, 1 oz.; Item #115, **per 12,** \$2.29, 3 oz.; Item #115G, **per 25**, \$4.29, 6 oz.; Item #115H, **per 50**, \$7.49, 11 oz. Item #115B **per 100**, \$14.19, 24 oz.; Item #115C, **per 500**, \$67.39, 120 oz.

**3" Plastic Tub -** 3" across the top opening + 2 3/8" tall. Green only.



Item #103A, **3" tub each.**, \$.19, 1 oz. Item #103, **per 12**, \$1.99, 3 oz.; Item #103B **per 25**, \$3.89, 6 oz. Item #103C **per 50**, \$6.69, 11 oz. Item #103D, **per 100**, \$12.59, 21 oz.; Item #103E, **per 500**, \$59.69, 105 oz.

**3 1/2" Plastic Pot** - 3 1/2" across the top opening + 3 1/4" tall. Green only. Item #117A, **3 1/2" pot each**, \$.19, 1 oz.; Item #117, **per 12**, \$1.39, 5 oz.; Item #117H, **per 25**, \$2.59, 13 oz.; Item #117I, **per 50**, \$4.39, 26 oz. Item # 117B, **per 100**, \$8.29, 32 oz. Item #117C, **per 500**, \$39.29, 185 oz.

- **4" Plastic Tub** 4" across the top opening, and 2 3/4" tall. White. Item #111A, **4" Plastic tub, each**, \$.49, 1 oz.; Item #111, **per 12**, \$4.49, 8 oz.; Item #111G, **per 25**, \$81.9, 17 oz.; Item #111H, **per 50**, \$14.19, 29 oz. Item #111B, **per 100**, \$28.39, 64 oz.; Item # 111C, **per 500**, \$134.19, 320 oz.
- 4 1/2" Plastic Pot 4 1/2" across the top opening and 3 3/4" tall. White.

Item #112A, **4 1/2" pot each**, \$.49, 1 oz.; Item #112, **per 12**, \$5.69, 9 oz.; Item #112H, **per 25**, \$10.99, 18 oz. Item #112I, **per 50**, \$18.99, 36 oz. Item #112B, **per 100**, \$30.29, 80 oz. Item #112C, **per 500**, \$144.99, 400 oz.



**5" Plastic Tub** - 5" across the top opening, and 3 1/2" tall. White. Item #113A, **5" Tub each**, \$.79, 1 oz.; Item #113, **per 12**, \$7.49, 12 oz.; Item #113I, **per 25**, \$14.29, 25 oz.; Item #113J, **per 50**, \$24.89, 49 oz. Item #113B, **per 100**, \$47.19, 96 oz.; Item #113C, **per 500**, \$223.29, 360 oz.

#### STARTER POTS



These translucent plastic cups are 2 1/4" at the mouth and 2 1/4" tall. They have a smooth rolled rim. It is easy to see how wet or dry the soil is through the pot wall.

**2 1/4" STARTER POTS** Item#105, **25 Pack**, \$1.79, 3 oz.; Item#105A, **Per 100** \$5.89, 9 oz.

PAN POTS - These white

plastic pots are very shallow: approximately one-half as deep as they are wide at the mouth. They have bottom drainage holes. Many violet fanciers who grow competitively for shows swear by these Pan Pots. These are also known as bulb pans. Growers claim more prolific

bloom and plant vigor due to the pot shape. Recommended in Violet Magazine articles. Great for standards and trailers, and for the violet cousins. The 5" Pan pots measure 5" across the top opening and are 2 1/4" tall; the 6" Pan pots measure 6" across the top opening and are 3 1/2" tall.

Item #140A, **5" Pan Pot, each**, \$.59, 1 oz.; Item #140 **per 12,** \$5.99, 8 oz.;

Item #140D, per 25, \$11.39, 18 oz.; Item #140E, per 50, \$19.59, 36 oz. Item #140B, **per 100**, \$37.69, 62 oz.;

Item #116A, 6" Pan Pot, each, \$.79, 2 oz.; Item #116, per 12, \$7.29, 14 oz.; Item #116E, per 25, \$13.99, 26 oz.; Item # 116F, per 50, \$23.19, 52 oz.; Item #116B, per 100, \$46.19, 140 oz.

> HANGING BASKETS (made from the pan pots, hangers, and snap on saucers sold separately below) The saucers snap into the drainage holes in the bottom of the pots. The hangers clip onto the rim of the pots. These are shipped disassembled. The plastic saucers for the 5" pan pots (item #140) are terra cotta brown. The plastic saucers for the 6" pan pots (item #116) are white. All of the pot hangers are terra cotta brown.

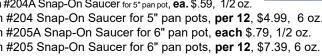
Item #107C, 5" Hanging Basket each, \$1.59 each, 3 oz.; Item #107D 5" Hanging Basket dozen, \$14.39, 21 oz.

Item #109D, 6" Hanging Basket each, \$2.29, 3 oz. Item #109E, 6" Hanging Basket dozen, \$16.79, 1lb, 2 oz.

#### SNAP-ON PLASTIC SAUCERS for Pan Pots

These round plastic saucers are made to snap into the drainage holes on the two sizes of pan pots (sold above). Used in combination with the pot hangers (sold below) you can make a hanging basket with saucer out of the pan pots. The prices below are for the saucers only. The pots and the hangers are sold separately. The plastic saucers for the 5" pan pots (item #140) are terra cotta brown. The plastic saucers for the 6"

Item #204A Snap-On Saucer for 5" pan pot, **ea.** \$.59, 1/2 oz. Item #204 Snap-On Saucer for 5" pan pots, per 12, \$4.99, 6 oz. Item #205A Snap-On Saucer for 6" pan pot, each \$.79, 1/2 oz. Item #205 Snap-On Saucer for 6" pan pots, per 12, \$7.39, 6 oz.





pan pots (item #116) are white.

#### POT HANGERS- (Pots not included)

Many experienced growers find that trailing violets and gesneriads perform better when grown as hanging plants. These handy brown plastic pot hangers will convert the 3", 4", 4 .5" and 5" pots and the pan pots into hanging pots. 15" long from the top of the hook to the bottom of the pot clip. They easily attach to the pots



which are sold separately above. They can also be removed from the pots. Saucers are available only for the pan pots. The hangers are brown only.

Item #104A Pot Hanger \$.59 each, 1 oz. Item #104 **Per dozen**, \$4.19, 8 oz.; Item #104G Per 25, 9.89, 13 oz.

#### WICKING TRAYS

All trays are waterproof plastic designed to hold the water-fertilizer solution. Each tray size comes with a white plastic grid which is used to suspend the plants over the solution used for wicking. The wicks are simply inserted through the grid into the solution. Wick watering greatly increases humidity in the immediate vicinity of your violets. Size specifications are rounded to nearest inch.

### 8 x 8" Mint GREEN Wicking Tray w/ grid 2 1/2" deep,

Item #161 \$5.79 each., 6 oz.;

**Tray only**, Item #161A, \$4.79 each, 5 oz.; **Grid only**, Item #161C \$1.99 each, 2 oz.



Item #153 \$7.49 each., 8 oz. each; Tray only, Item #153A \$6.59 each, 6 oz.; Grid only, Item #153C \$1.99 each, 3 oz.

11 x 22"

8 x 12

**13 x 16" Mint GREEN Wicking Tray** 3 1/4" deep, Item #151 \$17.19 **each**, 24 oz.; **Tray only**, Item #151A \$15.19 **ea**., 18 oz.; **Grid only**, Item #151B \$3.99 **ea**., 8 oz.

11 x 22" Mint GREEN Wicking Tray 2 1/2" deep, Item #155, \$15.79 ea., 23 oz. each. Tray only, Item #155A \$12.69 ea, 15 oz.; Grid only, Item #155B \$5.99 ea., 7 oz. Clear plastic domes are available to fit the trays shown above. See pp. 11+ 12.



#### WindowSill Trays

**6 x 17" Wicking Tray w/ Grid** 1" deep, available in two colors: Thyme Green, and Terra Cotta Brown. Made of high impact plastic.

Perma-Nest Trays

13 x 16"

Item #163 \$6.69 **Tray w/ grid**, 7 oz.; **Tray only**, #163A \$5.59 each. 6 oz.; **Grid only**, #163B \$2.49 ea., 3 oz.

The small pieces of grid that come with the 6 x 17" tray are used to hold the grid up out of the water in the tray. Each tray will hold 1 qt. of liquid.

## MORE WICKING AND SELF-WATERING IDEAS

**DELI STYLE WICKING RESERVOIRS**: Round, tough, clear plastic containers with heavy gauge, translucent snap-on plastic lids. These hold 16 fl. oz.



and are 4.5" in diameter, and 3" tall. The plant with wick sits on the lid. The wick extends through the hole in the lid to the water in the reservoir below. Easy to see the water level. Very handy for setting your plants with wicks around the house. An inexpensive way to wick water a lot of plants. The lid prevents rapid evaporation of water in the reservoir.

**DELI STYLE WICKING RESERVOIR** Item #231 \$.89 **each,** 1 oz.; Item #231A **per 12**, \$9.69, 15 oz.; Item #231B \$15.79 **per 25**, 29 oz.;

#### **CLEAR PLASTIC SAUCERS -**

Just the thing to slip under a pot to catch excess water and protect furniture from spills. Two sizes: 4" and 5". The 4" size will accommodate up to a 4.5" pot; the 5" will accommodate up to a 6" pot.



Item #209A **4" Clear Saucer** \$.25 **ea**, 1/2 oz.; Item #209 **Per Dozen** \$2.99, 2 oz. Item #220A **5" Clear Saucer** \$.35 **each**, 1/2 oz.; Item #220 **Per Dozen** \$3.99, 3 oz.

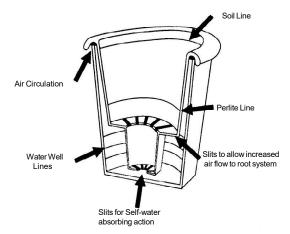


**MAXI CUBE WICKING RESERVOIR -** Big enough for a wick watered plant in a 3 1/2" pot. The top cover has a 3 1/16" circular hole cut into it. The pot sits down in the hole and the wick hangs in the water. The maxi wicking reservoir is 4" x 4" x 5 1/16". It will hold about 14 fl. oz. of water. Crystal clear only. I have limited stock left of these reservoirs and will not be reordering when sold out.

**Maxi Wicking Reservoir** Item #222 \$12.29 **each**, 5 oz.; Item #222A **per 12**, \$132.19, 3 lbs. 4 oz.

**OYAMA PLANTERS** - These are plastic two piece self-watering pots made especially for African Violets. They are approved for AVSA Society shows. They are also great for other gesneriads, house plants, AND orchids! Made of heavy duty, high





quality, leak proof, durable plastic. All sizes except the 3 1/2" have a textured finish. Very little watering skill required. Shows you when and how much to water. The pot does the watering. The inner pot sets down in the outer pot, which acts as a built in saucer. Put a layer of perlite at the bottom of the inner pot and pot the plant in a loose soil mix with at least 50% perlite - vermiculite. The perlite slowly pulls the water up to the plant while

providing excellent aeration to prevent root rot problems. No Wick! The roots more easily absorb moisture, nutrients and oxygen this way than they can in soil alone. Produces healthy, flourishing plants. Planting instructions included. Four sizes: 2 1/2", 3 1/2", 4" and 5". **All sizes available in WHITE** and in **Dark GREEN**.

The 2 1/2", 3 1/2", and 4" sizes are excellent for violets; The 2.5" size is usually used for miniatures or for starter plants of standards. The 5" size is great for large growing violets and other gesneriads and for Moth orchids, and Lady Slipper orchids.

See p. 24 for the Oyama Planter Kit offer which includes everything you need to try one of these unique pots.

**2 1/2" OYAMA PLANTER** Item #142, \$3.39 **each** 1 oz.; Item #142A **per dozen**, \$33.49, 15 oz.

**3 1/2" OYAMA PLANTER** Item #146, \$4.29 each 2 oz.; Item #146A per dozen, \$43.39, 24 oz.

**4" OYAMA PLANTER** Item #134, \$5.49 each, 3 oz.; Item #134A per dozen, \$54.79, 36 oz.;

**5" OYAMA PLANTER** Item #135, \$6.49 **each,** 4 oz.; Item #135A **per dozen,** \$64.79, 48 oz.

## Long fibered SPHAGNUM MOSS for Oyama Planters

Yes, orchids in self-watering pots! You still put the layer of perlite on the bottom of the inner pot, but then you pot the orchid in sphagnum moss (this is not peat moss) following the established rules of potting orchids, such as trimming roots, potting off center to allow room for new growth, and not setting the rhizomes too deeply. Allows excellent aeration to the roots. Moisten the moss with hot water before potting with it. Recommended especially for moth orchids and lady slipper orchids. The larger bag holds approximately 6 quarts; the smaller bag holds approximately 3 quarts. Packaged very dry.



Growers also use this moss in terrariums and for other horticultural uses.

Long Fibered sphagnum moss

Item # 365A 3 oz.. bag, \$4.69, 3 oz..; Item #365 **9 oz bag** \$12.19, 9 oz.

**Orchid Potting Mix** An excellent medium for orchid potting. This mix is made of peat moss chunks, Fir bark, Hardwood Charcoal, and Lava Rock. It is suitable for those types of orchids that need more rapid drainage than the Premium Sphagnum Moss allows. Great for cattleyas and dendrobiums especially.

Item #362 4 dry quart bag Orchid Mix, \$8.59, 50 oz. Item #362A 1 dry quart bag Orchid Mix, \$2.89, 10 oz.



#### SWIFT MOIST RITE PLANTER - The pot walls



are hollow and hold the water/fertilizer solution. Tiny outlet holes near the inside bottom edge allow the plant to draw moisture as it is required. Large water storage allows long intervals

between refills - sometimes several weeks depending upon plant size. Nothing to deteriorate or wear out. Planting instructions included. Available in white only. Love these for show plants. The stoppers are replaceable.

Item #215 **Swift Planter** \$5.99 **ea**, 8 oz.; Item #215A \$63.19 **per 12**, 6 lbs; Item #215B **24 for** \$119.59 11 lbs. Depending upon other items ordered #215B may be a separate ship item.

Item #215C **Extra Stoppers** \$1.29 **per 6**, 1/2 oz.; Item #215D **Gravel** for 1 planter \$.29, 2 oz.

#### **WICKING CORD**

TWO SIZES: Both 100% nylon for best capillary action. Will not rot.

Use with a soilless potting mix.

**THIN WICK** 225 foot spool. Pot diameter minus 1 tells you how many pieces of this thin wick to use per pot. For example: a 3" pot needs two pieces of thin wick. If the wick tends to



unravel melt it into desired lengths over a flame rather than cutting with scissors.

Item #450 **spool Thin Wick**, \$6.69 ea, 4 oz. Item #450C **5 yards Thin Wick**, \$1.69, 1 oz.

Item #450D 10 yards Thin Wick, \$6.69 postage included (Mailed in an envelope.)

**HEAVY WICK** More convenient for larger pots. It is the equivalent of three pieces of the thin wick. Using the heavy wick saves the doubling and tripling necessary when using the thinner wick on larger pot sizes. Use one 6" piece in 4", 4 1/2", or 5" pots.

Item #451 \$.69 per yard Heavy wick, 1/2 oz.

Item #451A **16 yard shank of Heavy wick** \$5.39 , 4 oz. Item #451B **5 yards Heavy Wick**, \$7.99, postage included (mailed in an envelope)

#### POTTING MEDIUM and INGREDIENTS

**Violet Showcase Potting Medium** is a mixture of sphagnum peat moss, #2 vermiculite, perlite, charcoal, dolomite lime, and trace elements. This is a hand



mixed soilless medium which is especially good for violets and other gesneriads. Moisten thoroughly with 1 cup very hot water per quart of medium before using. This is also advisable with Propagating the Medium. These mediums are light and porous - ideal for wick or capillary mat watering. Can be constantly fertilized. The PΗ approximately 6.5.

Depending upon what other items you order the 40 Qt. sizes may need to be a separate ship item.

Item #350C 1 Quart Bag Potting Medium; \$2.99, 5 oz.; Item #350I 1.5 Quart Bag Potting Medium; \$3.79, 9 oz.; Item #350 3 Quart Bag Potting Medium \$4.19, 1 lb. 4 oz.; Item #350A 9 Quart Bag Potting Medium \$8.79, 3 lb. 8 oz.; Item #350H 20 Quart Bag Potting Medium, \$22.79, 88 oz.; Item #350B 40 Qt. Potting Medium \$34.49, 14 lb. 8 oz.

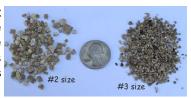
One Quart will approximately fill one 6" pot or four 4" pots.

**PROPAGATING MEDIUM** A mixture of sphagnum peat moss, #3 vermiculite, perlite, charcoal dolomite lime, and trace elements. A leaner (less peat), finer textured mix for tender young roots. For cuttings + seeds. Available in the same sizes as the Potting Medium shown above.



Item #351D 1 Qt. Prop. Medium, \$2.99, 5 oz.
Item #351C 1.5 Qt. Prop. Medium, \$3.79, 9 oz.
Item #351 3 Qt. Propagating Medium, \$4.19, 1 lb. 5 oz.
Item #351B 9 Qt. Propagating Medium, \$8.79, 56 oz.
Item #351G 20 Qt. Bag Propagating Medium, \$22.79, 88 oz.
Item # 351A 40 Qt. Bag Propagating Medium, \$34.49, 14 lbs 8 oz.

**VERMICULITE** - when added to a soil mix vermiculite helps the mix hold more water. The particle size of #3 is smaller than the particle size of #2. #2 is considered coarse size, #3 is considered fine. Available in the same sizes as the Potting Medium shown above.



Item #352C 1 Qt. Bag #2 (Medium) Vermiculite, \$1.59, 5 oz.; Item #352K 1.5 Qt. Bag #2 (Medium) Vermiculite, \$2.29, 6 oz. Item #352 3 Qt. Bag #2 (Medium) Vermiculite, \$3.19, 12 oz.; Item #352D 9 Qt. Bag #2 (Medium) Vermiculite, \$7.79, 36 oz.; Item #352J 20 Qt. Bag #2 (Medium) Vermiculite, \$15.99, 64 oz. Item #352A, 40 Qt. Bag #2 (Medium) Vermiculite, \$27.79, 176 oz.

Item #353C 1 Qt. Bag #3 (Fine) Vermiculite, \$1.39, 6 oz.; Item #353K 1.5 Qt Bag #3 (Fine) Vermiculite, \$2.29, 8 oz.; Item #353 3 Qt. Bag #3 (Fine) Vermiculite \$2.69, 13 oz.; Item #353D 9 Qt. Bag #3 (Fine) Vermiculite \$6.59, 38 oz.; Item #353L 20 Qt. Bag #3 (Fine) Vermiculite \$13.59, 70 oz.; Item #353A 40 Qt. Bag #3 (Fine) Vermiculite \$23.59, 256 oz.



#4 is considered extra coarse.

**PERLITE** - helps aerate soil mixes. Two different sizes. #6 size is the most commonly used in potting mixes and starter mixes. #4 is popular to put in the bottom of pots for such violet cousins as Streptocarpus to give extra drainage. #4 is also popular with orchid growers. The coin in the photo is a quarter. #6 is considered coarse,

Item #354E 1 Qt. Bag Coarse Perlite (#6) \$.99, 5 oz.; Item #354L 1.5 Qt. Bag Coarse Perlite (#6) \$1.29, 6 oz.; Item #354 3 Qt. Bag Coarse Perlite (#6) \$1.69, 13 oz.; Item #354C 9 Qt. Bag Coarse Perlite (#6) \$3.89, 35 oz.; Item #354M 20 Qt. Bag Coarse Perlite (#6) \$8.19, 80 oz.; Item #354A 40 Qt. Bag Coarse Perlite (#6) \$13.19, 160 oz.

Item #363E 1 Qt. Extra Coarse Perlite (#4) \$1.19, 3 oz. Item #363L 1.5 Qt. Extra Coarse Perlite (#4) \$1.59, 4 oz. Item #363 3 Qt. Extra Coarse Perlite (#4) \$2.19, 9 oz. Item #363F 9 Qt. Extra Coarse Perlite (#4) \$5.49, 28 oz. Item #363I 20 Qt. Extra Coarse Perlite (#4) \$11.29, 58 oz. Item #363A 40 Qt. Extra Coarse Perlite (#4) \$19.39, 104 oz.

**PEAT MOSS** This peat moss has been hand sifted through wire mesh. It will mix readily with any other ingredients you may choose to add to it in making your own potting mix. Not sterilized, but nearly all of the small sticks, and fibrous masses have been removed.

Item #367 **Peat Moss 1 Qt. Bag** \$1.29 7 oz.; Item #367l **Peat Moss 1.5 Qt. Bag**, \$1.59, 9 oz



Item #367A **Peat Moss 3 Qt. Bag** \$2.19 12 oz.; Item #367B **Peat Moss 9 Qt. Bag** \$5.69 36 oz.; Item #367H, **Peat Moss 20 Qt. Bag**, \$12.19, 80 oz.



CHARCOAL
Natural wood
charcoal
absorbs odors,
removes
impurities and
adds drainage.



Item #359C 1 Dry Qt. bag Charcoal \$5.59, 10 oz. Item #359 4 Dry Qt. bag Charcoal \$9.69, 40 oz.



DOLOMITE LIME - for adjusting potting soil PH. Item #356F 10 oz. Dolomite Lime \$1.79, 11 oz.; Item #356 1 lb. Dolomite Lime \$2.99, 1 lb. 4 oz.; Item #356A 4 lb. bag Dolomite Lime \$7.49, 4 lbs.

SOLUBLE TRACE ELEMENT MIX For those mixing

their own potting soil. Mix 1/4 teaspoon thoroughly in 1 gallon of moist soil. Adds trace elements such as boron, manganese, etc. back into soilless mixes. Use sparingly. Item #357B **10 oz. bag,** \$7.59 ship. weight 11 oz. Item #357 **16 oz. container,** \$8.59 ship. weight 18 oz.





#### **BLACK GOLD AFRICAN VIOLET MIX**

Excellent for many house plants. Great for violets that WILL NOT be wick watered or self watered. This soil is too heavy for wick watering or any of the other self watering methods. A mixture of Canadian Sphagnum Peat Moss, forest humus, earthworm castings, perlite, and pumice. 8 qt. bag.

Item #358A 8 Qt. Black Gold African Violet Potting Mix \$8.19, 88 oz.

#### FOR ROOTING + STARTING....

**PROPAGATING TRAY** - This charcoal gray plastic tray is 10 x 20" and 2.75" high and is twice as thick as a typical greenhouse tray. The tray and dome together are 4 7/8"



high. Inside fits 36 individual cell-like 2" x 2.25" rectangular charcoal gray plastic pots that are ideal for seedlings, cuttings, newly separated babies, or suckers. You can easily lift out the cells and use your own pots if you prefer. The secret of success is the

sturdy clear plastic dome that fits on top of the tray holding in the humidity. Cuttings and young plants develop vigorously and quickly. Also excellent for starting seeds for outdoor gardens. Harden off the plants by sliding the dome partially off until all condensation has evaporated.

See page 11 for a taller dome that also fits this tray.

Item #158 10" x 20" tray, dome, + insert pots \$8.29 ea., 14 oz.;
Item #158A tray only \$4.19 ea., 6 oz.; Item #158B Clear dome only \$3.19 each, 4 oz.;
Item #158C sheet of 36 insert pots \$1.69 ea., 3 oz.

**Tall Dome -** This heavy gauge clear plastic dome fits onto a 10 x 20" heavy weight

tray Item #158A (with or without the inserts). It measures 21 1/4 by 11 by 7" tall. When placed on a 10 x 20" tray you can fit cuttings up to 9" tall inside. There are 2 vent openings on the top at diagonally opposing corners. You can control how open or closed the vents are by rotating the covers positioned over the vent holes. Great for rooting



Or for use as a terrarium. This dome does  $\underline{not}$  perfectly fit the 11 x 22" tray. (Item #155A) However, a 10 x 20" tray with dome atop does fit nicely down into an 11 x 22" tray if you have removed the grid. This allows you to use the tray and dome on a plant stand with multiple 11 x 22" trays. Depending upon what other items you order the Tall Dome may need to be a separate ship item.

The dome is available by itself or with a 10 x 20" tray. See p.12 for a tall dome that does fit an 11 x 22" tray. Insert pots sold separately above

Tall Dome only Item #162, \$7.99 each, 9 oz.;

Tall Dome with 10 x 20" tray Item #162A \$11.79, 14 oz.



#### MINI PROPAGATING BOX

This cute little crystal clear propagating box is great if you are just starting a few seeds, or 3 or 4

leaves, or suckers. Fill the base with soil or just set your pots down into it. 8" long, 4" tall, 5" deep.

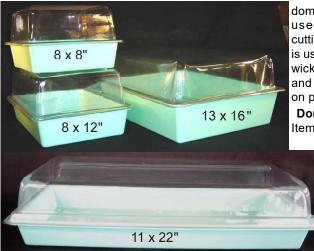
Mini Propagating Box Item #165 \$1.29 each, 1 oz.; Item #165A per dozen \$11.69 1 lb., 3 oz.

**PROPAGATING PIKS** Just the thing to use to stake a wobbly baby plant or a sucker in place until it roots. These little stakes will hold the plantlet in position while it grows roots. Suitable for miniatures and standards. Made of plastic so they won't rot off or rust in the soil. Each pik is 3 1/2" long. Colors may vary from those shown in the photo.

Item #314 Pack of Approx. 100 piks \$2.19, 1 oz.

**PROPAGATING DOMES** - These are clear, heavy weight plastic

domes to fit the four sizes of light green trays on p.3. The photo shows the  $8 \times 8$ " size resting atop the  $8 \times 12$ " size. The 13 x 16" size is next to those two smaller sizes. The 11 x 22" size is shown in the next photo. All domes are clear, heavy gauge plastic. The two smaller trays with dome in place each provide a growing space 5" tall; the 13 x 16" tray with dome in place provides a space 6" tall. The 11 x 22" dome allows 4 3/4" of growing space. Growers usually do not use both the grid and the



dome on a tray. The dome is used when the tray holds cuttings while they root. A grid is used to make the tray into a wicking reservoir. The trays and grids are sold separately on p. 3.

**Dome only** for 8 x 8" tray, Item #161D, \$3.89 each,

shipping weight 3 oz.;

**Dome only** for 8 x 12" tray, Item #153D, \$5.19 each, shipping weight 3 oz.;

**Dome only** for 13 x 16" tray, Item #151D, \$11.99 ea., ship. wt. 4 oz.

Dome only for 11 x 22" tray, Item #166, \$7.49 each, shipping. weight 8 oz.

**Tall Domes with vents** - These more rigid domes are made of a thicker grade of clear plastic and are taller than the domes shown above. Each size has 2 convenient vents on top which sliide open (or closed) to regulate the humidity maintained inside. The smaller dome fits the 8

x 12" PermaNest tray and will accomodate cuttings up to 7" tall. The larger dome fits the 11 x 22" PermaNest tray and will accommodate cuttings up to 7 1/4" tall. The trays sold separately on p. 3



Item #164 **Tall Vented Dome** to fit an 8 x 12" tray, \$9.59 each, 9 oz.

Item #152 **Tall Vented Dome** to fit an 11 x 22" tray \$18.19 each, 26 oz.

Depending upon what other items you order Item #152 may need to be a separate ship item.



**Rapid Root Root Inducing Powder** - for faster, healthier rooting of cuttings. On violets it is especially effective for rooting suckers which are also called side shoots or divisions. This powder makes them root faster and more strongly. Just brush the powder onto the section of the cutting which will contact the soil.

2 oz. jar Item#401 Root Inducing Powder \$7.19 ea, 4 oz.

If you wish to make only a small order and the item(s) have a ship weight of 11 oz. or less, I may be able to send the item(s) via USPS 1st Class package at a substantial savings to you on shipping.

#### **FERTILIZERS**

**Seaweed Extract** - Liquefied Organic Kelp The label directions describe

multiple uses for this natural product including on vegetables, fruit trees, strawberries, shrubs and lawns as a foliar feed and/or soil drench. Violet enthusiasts, however, will find Seaweed Extract most useful for starting leaf cuttings. Mix 1 Tablespoon of this brown liquid into 1 gallon of water and add 5 drops of Superthrive (see p. 14) to make a solution with which we have great results in starting leaf cuttings. Soak the cuttings in this solution overnight, then make a fresh cut in the leaf stem and pot the cutting in your rooting mix. Use the solution to moisten the soil mix as necessary. The solution can also be used as a weekly foliar spray. Continue this regime until the leaf cutting clumps are large enough to divide. This organic product has very little odor. It comes in a 1 pint plastic bottle.



Item #404, Seaweed Extract, \$7.59, 20 oz.

Jack's Classic Fertilizers - I stock African Violet Special 12-36-14 and



Blossom Booster 10-30-20. Both also contain micronutrients. Use either type at a rate of one-fourth teaspoon per gallon of water at each watering. Each tub contains 8 oz. of fertilizer: enough to mix up about 200 gallons of solution.

**Jack's Classic 12-36-14 African Violet Plant Food** This is what I have found to give the best results in keeping violets blooming.

Item #400 Jack's Classic 12-36-14 African Violet Plant Food \$9.19; ship wt. 10 oz.

Jack's Classic 10-30-20 Blossom Booster Plant Food Great for violet varieties with variegated foliage as they don't need as much nitrogen. The low nitrogen helps keep the variegation showing more strongly. Also, use this as a boost to your regular feeding program. The extra high dose of phosphorus helps trigger more bloom assuming the light is of the proper intensity. **No urea.** 

Item #415 Jack's Classic Blossom Booster Plant Food 10-30-20, \$9.19; ship wt 10 oz.

**DYNA-GRO FERTILIZERS** Plants grown with Dyna-Gro Liquid Fertilizer can grow and mature more rapidly. Plants are like miniature chemical mining and

can grow and mature more rapidly. Plants are like miniature chemical mining and manufacturing companies. They mine the minerals with their roots and build the organic compounds of life with their leaves. Building these organic compounds

requires trace mineral catalysts which Dyna-Gro provides. Dyna-Gro Liquid Nutrient is a state of the art fertilizer which contains Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Potassium plus up to 11 trace minerals. No other liquid fertilizer has as complete a formulation. It can be watered into the potting mix or used as a foliar feed. Dyna-Gro was originally developed for use in hydroponics, and can be used for soil based, soilless, wicking, or hydroponic growing. Since



Dyna-Gro is a liquid fertilizer it mixes freely with water, requiring  $\,$  little or no stirring. Safe to use at every watering. Mix at a rate of 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon per gallon of water.

It is not recommended to use Dyna-Gro fertilizers in the Soak Thru type ceramic pots or in Swift's "Moist Rite" Planters.

**DYNA-GRO GROW 7 - 9 - 5** A general purpose formula with 11 trace minerals used on house plants such as violets and their relatives, and on orchids, and vegetables. Great as a foliar feed while violet leaf cuttings are rooting. Use it as a watering solution on violets until you move them into a 3" pot, then alternate with the 3 - 12 - 6 Bloom.

Item #418 **Dyna-Gro Grow 7 - 9 - 5** 8 fl. oz. bottle \$7.89 each, 12 oz. **DYNA-GRO BLOOM 3 - 12 - 6** a high phosphorus formula with 11 trace minerals, used alternately with 7 - 9 - 5 Grow formula on violets of blooming age. We've been very pleased with the results. Also very good for orchids in their season to bloom. Item # 419 **Dyna-Gro Bloom 3 - 12 - 6**, 8 fl. oz. bottle \$7.89 ea, 12 oz.

**Open Sesame** - A powdered fertilizer for use in soilless mixes, organic soils, and hydroponic growing systems. This fertilizer promotes vigorous flowering and multiple bud development. The 5- 45- 19 analysis is a PH balanced blend of extra strength nutrients specifically designed to enhance flower size and multiple bud development. No urea nitrogen. For African violets and related cousins use 1/4 teaspoon of Open Sesame per gallon of water plus your favorite plant food at half strength. Excellent for use with show plants. 6 oz.. jar net weight



Item #406A Open Sesame Plant Food 5-45-19, \$19.79, ship weight 8 oz.



**SUPERTHRIVE** - an excellent hormone-vitamin additive. Great for speeding along cuttings, establishing sturdy newly divided plantlets, and maintaining mature plants . Safe to use at every watering at the recommended rate of 1 drop per gallon of water. The 2 fl. oz. plastic bottle makes 2000 gallons at 1 drop per gallon.

Item #405B \$9.39 each, shipping weight. 3 oz..

#### **REMEDIES**

**SYSTEMIC GRANULES** - a sand like insecticide which is mixed in with the soil and absorbed up by the roots making all parts of the plant poisonous. Mix 2 teaspoons per quart of soil, moisten well, and let sit covered for 3 or 4 days, then use for potting. An excellent preventative. Best to wear gloves when working with treated soil. Effective for up to 6 weeks in the soil. The active ingredient is Imidacloprid. 8 oz. jar

Item #500 Systemic Granules, \$8.39, 11 oz.



**Red Lava Sand** - recent articles in the <u>African Violet Magazine</u> refer to this soil additive as a means to enhance the performance of African violets. The most common report from growers using this product is an improvement in the strength of color in

"yellow" blossomed varieties. Red lava sand is made from ground up lava rock and is rusty red in color. Growers mix a small amount of this sand into their potting mix. The cause of improvement may be the iron content, the trace elements, or other properties of the sand. This is open for debate, but many experienced growers are reporting positive results which they attribute to Red Lava Sand. Mix 2 heaping teaspoons in 1 cup of your soil (or a heaping 3/4 cup per gallon of soil). See what results you get! The particle sizes range from sand like to small gravel pieces. This is an organic product.



Item #355 **Red Lava Sand 1 lb.** \$5.79, ship weight: 17 oz. Item #355D **Red Lava Sand 8 lbs.** \$12.59, shipping weight: 129 oz.

**DIATOMACEOUS EARTH** - This natural pesticide looks and feels like talcum powder. It is safe to use around humans and pets, but it really takes care of pests in



the soil. Seen under a microscope Diatomaceous Earth (D. E.) has sharp edges. As insects crawl through the soil they rub against the D. E. scraping off some of their waxy coating. This will kill them. Especially effective against fungus gnat and spring tail larvae, and against soil mealy bugs. Thoroughly mix 8 oz. of D. E. into 4 gallons of your potting soil, (or 2 oz. in 1 gallon) then pot your plants. Use more if you wish. Has worked very well for us. Your soil

must dry out regularly for D.E. to  $\,$  work.  $\,$  A great, safe organic pesticide.

Pronounced: die-a-tom-A-shus

**Diatomaceous Earth** Item #511 **1 lb**. \$2.29, ship. weight 1 lb.; Item #511A **3 lb**. \$5.19, ship. weight 3 lbs.

**Tree & Shrub Systemic Insect Drench** - This product is not labeled for use on houseplants, but many African violet hobby growers find that if they dilute it even more than the label specifies it can be successfully used on their houseplants as a foliage spray and as a soil drench. Success is reported against foliar mealybug, soft scale, aphids, white flies, fungus gnats, and blossom thrips when using the dilution 3/8 teaspoon per 8 oz. warm water (or 6 teaspoons /gallon). At the same dilution, but used as a soil drench good results are reported against springtail, fungus gnat larvae, and soil (Pritchard) mealybug. The product kills on contact and is absorbed into the plants system and continues to protect for up to 30 days. The active ingredient is imidacloprid which has very little odor. It is, however, toxic to honeybees and to fish. Observe all label precautions. Contains 16 fl. oz.



Tree and Shrub Insect drench Item #501, \$11.19, shipping weight 18 oz.

**Neem Oil** - This is a natural, organic insecticide. Made from extracts of neem oil

which comes from a tropical evergreen tree. This product disrupts an insect's ability to feed and molt thus eventually killing it. It is also naturally repellent to insects. They will avoid a plant that has been sprayed. Reportedly very effective against that scourge of the violet world - BLOSSOM THRIPS. Mix with warm water and spray on. Does not harm the plants or blossoms any more than plain water would. Effective against a broad assortment of insect pests. For violets mix 1/2 teaspoon Neem per 16 oz. of warm water. Use the mixture within 8 hours. Do not store for later use. Most effective when applied 2 or 3 times at 7 to 10 day intervals. Not recommended as a leaf polish for African violets. This is not an instant kill product.



Neem Oil 1/2 pint item #508 \$18.39, ship wt. 10 oz.



PHYSAN 20 This product is an algaecide for use in wicking trays and reservoirs or on capillary matting. If you get a white or a green scum in your trays and reservoirs or on your capillary matting you'll like PHYSAN 20. Add 1/2 teaspoon to filled gallon container to avoid excessive bubbles. Use at each watering. Harmless to plants. Preventative, not curative. For a mild case of powdery mildew mix 5 drops Physan 20 in a cup of warm water and use as a spray.

Available in 8 oz, 16 oz. and gallon bottles. I have a limited # of the gallon size left and will not be reordering when that sizes sells out.

Item #507 **Physan 20 8 fl. oz.**, \$6.49, ship wt. 10 oz.
Item #517 **Physan 20 16 fl. oz.** \$9.99, ship. wt. 1 lb. 4 oz.
Item #514 **Physan 20 Gallon bottle\*** \$52.29, ship. wt 10 lbs. (\*)

(\*)The gallon bottle is a separate ship item.

### **STIKY STRIP DISPOSABLE INSECT TRAPS** - Many harmful insects are attracted to yellow. This fact is put to work with these clever 3" x 5" bright yellow,

very sticky cards which contain no poisons or harmful chemicals. Attracted insects just get stuck on them. They trap aphids, whiteflies, fungus gnats, thrips, fruit flies, and others. While they are not intended to eliminate an established infestation they are very useful in showing signs that a pest is moving in on your plants so that you can spray early. STIKY STRIPS are coated with a specially formulated trapping compound that will withstand repeated wetting and drying and exposure to sunlight. Useful indoors among your violets (place one on each shelf of light stands) or outdoors in the garden. Shown in photo with 9 1/2" stakeholder sold below.



Item #509 **Stiky Strip** \$.79 each strip, ship weight 1/2 oz. Item #509A **Pack of 25 strips** \$12.29, 6 oz.

**STAKE-HOLDERS for STIKY STRIPS** - 9 1/2" long with simple top prong for holding the Stiky Strip. Looks like what holds the gift card in a florist's bouquet. Item #510 \$.25 each, 1/2 oz.;

Item #510A **per dozen** \$1.99, 1 oz.; Item #510B **per 100** \$12.19, 9 oz.



**Triple Action Plus (Ready to Use)** - a premixed product that is effective as a broad spectrum insecticide, a miticide, and a fungicide. Use for control of insects, fungal diseases, and mites on vegetables, fruits, herbs, roses, flowers, shrubs, and houseplants. Contains pyrethrins and neem oil. Kills egg, larvae + adult stages of insects including, (but not limited to) whiteflies, aphids, spider mites, Japanese beetles, fungus gnats, thrips, ants, and many other insects. Also controls powdery mildew, black spot, downy mildew, rust, botrytis, and more. Thoroughly spray upper and lower leaf surfaces until completely wet, but not dripping. Repeat every 7 - 14 days depending upon

degree of severity. 32 fl. oz. spray bottle *(color of bottle varies.)* Item #516 **Triple Action Plus RTU** \$11.69, ship weight. 37 oz.

#### Phyton 27 Bactericide + Fungicide

This is a treatment for fungus and bacteria problems such as powdery mildew or blossom blight. It is a thick dark liquid which you dilute with water and use as a spray. 9 drops per pint or 5 drops per cup is recommended. Use the mixture within 48 hours. An excellent product for those selling or showing their plants who do not want any residue visible on the plant.



Item #520 2 fl. oz bottle Phyton 27, \$24.49, shipping weight 4 oz.

**PLANT LABELS** - These are white plastic plant labels available in two sizes.



The 3" size are 3" long, 3/8 " wide and .68 mm thick. By comparison a typical playing card is .25 mm thick. The 4" size are 4" long, 3/8" wide and also .68 mm thick. You can write on either side using a soft pencil or a fine point permanent marker. They are reusable since soft pencil can be erased, and most permanent marker ink can be

removed by soaking the label(s) in undiluted bleach overnight. The beach does not harm the labels. White only.

3"	#552	#552A	#552B				
	\$1.89 per 25,	\$2.89 per 50,	\$5.29 per 100,				
	1 oz.	2 oz.	3 oz				
4"	#554	#554A	#554B				
	\$2.19 per 25,	\$3.79 per 50,	\$6.69 per 100,				
	1 oz.	2 oz.	3 oz				

#### **TOOLS**



**MARKING PEN** - a great pen for marking plant variety name stakes. Super fine point with permanent, non- fading, fast drying black ink. Twist

w/ pocket clip. 5.5" long. Item #300 **Marking Pen** \$1.99 **each**, 1/2 oz.

#### **GROOMING TWEEZERS - The**

neatest thing we've found for getting in at the center of a violet where fingers just can't reach. Removes tiny suckers before they can get too large. Sharp

> enough to snip off







**VIOLET GROOMING BRUSH** - Soft, exploded tip polyester, very effectively removes dust and dirt from foliage without damage to the leaves. We use one on our show plants or just cleaning a plant after having repotted it. Be sure to keep a hand under the leaf you are cleaning when working on the outer rows of leaves.

Item #304 Brush \$3.99 ea., 1 oz.

**RETRACTABLE BLADE KNIFE** - With the increasing popularity of chimera (pinwheel type blossom) violets, this knife is a life saver. The sharp blade is only .25" long and 1/8" wide AND it can be retracted into the pen-like body of the knife

with a ball-point pen-like button at the top for safe storage. It is perfect for getting down into the center of a violet to cut out those suckers you've been waiting



and waiting to remove from your chimera violet so that they can be started rooting. The sharp, little blade can do the cutting accurately so that you get the sucker without destroying all of the nearby leaves. 5 1/2" long. You'll love it.

The blade is replaceable.

Item #310 **Retractable Blade Knife** \$12.49 **each,** 1 oz. (On top in photo p. 18) Retractable Blade Knife **Replacement Blades** Item #310A \$4.29 **2 pack**, .5 oz.

**LEAF CUTTING KNIFE** - a super little penknife with a screw-on, clear plastic protective cap which doubles as a pocket clip. Extremely sharp blade is great for preparing leaf cuttings for rooting, or scraping the "neck" of an old plant in need of rejuvenating. In both cases you don't want to crush the plant tissue, but cut it cleanly. 5. 25" long. (On bottom in photo p. 18) The blade is replaceable.

Item #309 Leaf Cutting Knife, \$6.99 each, 1 oz.
Item #309A Leaf Cutting Knife Replacement Blades \$2.99 5 pack, .5 oz.

PH SOIL TESTER - Violets and their cousins generally perform best in soil with a PH level between 6.5 and 7. As the organic material in soil slowly decomposes with the passage of time the PH level becomes more acidic. The lower the PH reading the more acid the soil, the higher the reading the more alkaline the soil. This PH tester will give accurate reading in approx. 5 minutes. Detailed instructions on back of package. Minimal preparation to take PH reading. Excellent for those mixing their own soil.

Item #302 PH Soil Tester, \$10.19, 3 oz.

MOISTURE METER - This is an accurate, inexpensive way to find out what is really going on down where the roots are. This handy meter will tell you whether or not a plant needs watering. Uses no batteries. Just insert the tip down to the root zone and read the dial from 1 to 4. 1 is very dry; 4 is very wet. Use indoors or out. 11" long overall.

Moisture Meter, Item #301, \$7.99, 3 oz.

**Bloomer Groomer Tool** - indispensable for grooming your violets and other houseplants. This 6" long grooming tool has a 1/2" long,

triangular shaped, high quality stainless steel sharpened blade at one end and a 1 1/8" long, pointed, stainless steel hook shaped pick at the other end. The bladed end

is useful for dead heading (removing) spent blooms, or for preparing cuttings for planting, or for cleaning a "necky" violet to ready it for rerooting. The hooked end is especially useful for removing



unwanted side shoots or suckers. Gardeners who work with tiny seedlings will appreciate how handy to hooked end is for teasing apart delicate seedlings and replanting them at thinning time. The hardwood handle is 4" long.

Bloomer Groomer Tool Item #305, \$6.89, 1/2 oz.

#### VIOLETS THE SHOWCASE WAY

This 35 page booklet answers the questions I was most frequently asked at my violet shop over a 35 year period: How to make leaf cutting work, How to wick water, Rejuvenating long-necked violets, and Growing miniatures successfully. Paperback.

Item #600 Booklet 1 \$5.29, 2 oz.



#### AFRICAN VIOLET LEAF SUPPORT RINGS - Give



your plants a spruced up look. Keep the leaves from touching and being damaged by rough pot edges. Excellent for training show plants to perfect symmetry. Made of green plastic. They come with a rubber band which is what holds the ring onto the pot. Instructions included. Three sizes. A must for show plants.

The ring with rubber band slides up from the bottom of the pot.

6" leaf support rings	<b>each</b> Item #650, \$2.29, 1 oz.	<b>per dozen</b> Item #650A, \$25.69, 11 oz.	ftem #650A, ttem #650B, ttem				
9" leaf support rings	<b>each</b> Item #651, \$2.79, 2 oz.	<b>per dozen</b> Item #651A, \$31.19, 23 oz.	<b>per 25</b> Item #651B, \$61.59, 44 oz.	extra bands per dozen Item #653A, \$1.89, 2 oz			
13" leaf support rings	<b>each</b> Item #652, \$3.19, 3 oz.	<b>per dozen</b> Item #652A, \$34.79, 32 oz.	<b>per 25</b> ltem #652B, \$68.69, 64 oz.	extra bands per dozen ltem #653B, \$2.49, 2 oz			

#### **AFRICAN VIOLET SEED**

Each sealed packet contains approximately 100 seeds (miniatures approximately 50 seeds) and includes detailed planting instructions. You can expect to get 25 - 30 plants from each packet. The fun of seed growing is the unpredictability factor. You may get something very ordinary or something truly extraordinary. Each seedling from the five seed types listed below will be different from the others. They will display various bloom colors, leaf sizes, shapes, etc. Each plant will have its own personality, and you can name your favorites and perpetuate them by leaf cuttings. No record is kept of what varieties were used to produce these seeds. Growing

African Violets from seed is generally not a project suited for children. The seeds are very tiny and relatively slow to sprout.

If seeds are the only item you wish to order they can be sent 1st Class Mail. Contact me for a quote for what the shipping would be.



If you are ordering seeds <u>and</u> other items please use the prices and shipping weights shown below. STANDARD Green Leaf (regular sized plants) Item #700, \$8.19 per packet, 1/2 oz. TRAILING (will display varying degrees of trailing growth habit.) Item #702, \$7.29 per packet, 1/2 oz. STANDARD Variegated Leaf (regular sized plants), Item #701, \$9.99 per packet, 1/2 oz. STANDARD Fantasy blooms (speckled flowers), Item #704, \$8.19 per packet, 1/2 oz. MINIATURE (will display varying degrees of the miniature trait.) Item #703 \$7.29 per packet, 1/2 oz.

#### **Table Model Grow Lite Stands**

Either of the two available sizes of these grow lights will set comfortably and beautifully on any flat surface. The smaller unit is 26 1/2" long and will accommodate 6 - 8 violets. The larger unit (no photo) is 50 1/2" long and will take 14 - 18 violets. Each stand comes with 2 fluorescent plant tubes (grow lights) to provide optimum light for sturdy growth and bloom.

The fixtures hold the lamps 6" apart (center to center) and measure either 24" (or 48") long by 10" by 2 1/8" and have a high gloss white finish. You can easily





raise or lower the fixture above the growing surface with the easy to use slide and tighten feature which holds the fixture to the legs. The legs are 26" tall and are made of 1" square shiny aluminum. The fixture may be positioned up to 24" above the table top. Most violet growers find 12-15" is ideal. Each stand comes with a 5 foot, three wire, 3 prong plug cord with a built in on/off switch, (or if desired)

you may operate either stand with an appliance timer (not included) Easy assembly! Just install the lamps in the fixture and slide it onto the legs. Does a wonderful job on violets and other house plants, or for seed starting.

Item #753 **Two Foot Table Model**: \$106.69, plus shipping Item #755 **Four Foot Table Model**: \$138.59, plus shipping



The manufacuter has discontinued production of **The Intelligent Plant Light.** 

Replacement bulbs are still available.

Item #750A Replacement bulb \$9.89 ea. 2 oz.



#### Fluorescent Lamps

20 watt (24 ") and 40 watt (48") lamps by Sylvania in Gro-Lux Standard, and Gro-Lux Wide Spectrum are available; (all are bi-pin end type) These are all T12 lamps (1 1/2" in diameter).

For the 48" lamps size there is a 6 lamp minimum. The shipping container for these sizes holds 6 lamps and it must be shipped full to insure safe shipping and minimize breakage. However, you may mix any type of lamp of the same length to make a total of 6. This is for the 48" lamps only.

There is a discount price for lamps ordered six at a time on both sizes. You may mix and match different types to get the discounted price, but all 6 must be the same length.

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20 watt lamps (24"): no minimum [Shipping weight 5 oz. each]
Item #771 Gro-Lux Wide Spectrum $12.79 each;
(if ordering 6) Item #771A $11.89 each)
Item #770 Standard Gro-Lux $14.59 each;
(if ordering 6: Item #770A $13.59 each)

40 watt lamps (48") Minimum: 6 of this size
Item #777 Gro-Lux Wide Spectrum $16.29 each:
(if ordering 6: Item #777A $15.19 each)
Item #776 Gro-Lux Standard $24.49 each;
(if ordering 6: Item #776A $22.59 each)
Shipping weights for 48" lamps: six of the 40 watt lamps - 7 1/2 lbs.(*)
(*)A full case of the 48" lamps is a separate ship item.
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### **Ordering & Shipping Information:**

**PLACING YOUR ORDER:** To place your order contact me via email (violetshowcase@yahoo.com), or via postal mail (P. O. Box 300091, Denver, CO 80203-0091), or by phone (303) 204-5937 and let me know what you would like to order. I will prepare an estimate including the fastest, most economical shipping method and relay that information to you.

**SHIPPING METHOD:** Orders are shipped either via United Parcel Service or The US Postal Service.

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:** Personal check, money order, or credit or debit card through Paypal. I can send a Paypal invoice to you via email. One does not need a Papal account to pay a Paypal invoice. Orders shipped to a Colorado address will be charged 2.9% state sales tax.

Please do not send me your credit card information.

**NON-WARRANTY:** The Violet Showcase makes no warranty of any kind, expressed or implied, concerning the use of any product in this catalog. You, the buyer, assume all risk of the use or handling whether in accordance with directions or not. NOTE: I am dependent upon my suppliers. Therefore, prices and specifications are subject to change without notice.

Please visit: www.violetshowcase.com

Your patronage is appreciated.

#### **SPECIAL OFFERS:**



Basic Wicking Kit: All the materials needed to try the wick watering method on just one violet. Wick watering uses a nylon cord inserted part way up into the soil of your plant through one of the drainage holes. The wick, by capillary action, slowly pulls water from the wicking container up into the soil. Only the wick touches the water.

Includes three different sized plastic pots - 3", 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ ", and 4 "so that you can try wicking on a young violet or a mature one. The greater the diameter of your violet, the bigger the pot you would use. Two different wick sizes also in-

cluded. The thinner wick cord is for the 3" or 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  " pots; the thicker cord is for the 4" pot. Sufficient Violet Showcase Potting Medium is included to fill the 4" pot (or the 3", or the 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  ", but not all three).

Also included is a 4 page set of detailed instructions explaining with photos how to set up and grow a violet using the wick watering method.

Basic Wicking Kit Item #841, \$5.69 includes shipping; Item #841A, \$2.59, if sent with other items.

**Deluxe Wicking Kit:** All of the supplies necessary to wick water six violets plus detailed instructions. Wick watering uses a nylon cord that is inserted part way up into the soil of your plant through one of the drainage holes in the pot. The wick, by capillary action, slowly pulls water from the container up into the soil. Includes an 8 oz. tub of Jack's Classic 12-36-14 African Violet Plant Food, a 3 quart bag of Violet Showcase Potting Medium, 6 clear 16 oz. wicking reservoirs with lids, six 3" pots, six 4" pots, 6 yards of thin wicking cord, 1 yard of thick wick and the VIOLETS THE SHOWCASE WAY Booklet.



DELUXE WICKING KIT, Item #800, \$25.69 includes shipping If sent with other items, Item #800A, \$16.59, 34 oz.



**Basic Grooming Kit:** includes the three violet grooming tools in the photo.

A: **Grooming Brush** - cleans violet foliage without damaging it. Use it on show plants or just to clean up after a repot. Keep one hand under the leaf you are cleaning when working on the outer row of leaves.

B: **Grooming Tweezers** - perfect for getting in where fingers can't reach to remove unwanted suckers (side shoots); also for snapping off spent blooms;

C: **Bloomer Groomer -** Very handy for grooming violets and other houseplants. The blade at one end is useful for cutting off spent blooms and for preparing an older violet for re-rooting, and for working with leaf cuttings. The hooked end is great for removing small unwanted side shoots and for teasing apart seedlings at thinning.

Basic Grooming Kit (3 tools) item #842 \$19.39 includes shipping

If sent with other supplies, Item #842A \$16.29, 3 oz

#### **Deluxe Grooming Kit:** includes the four violet grooming tools in the photo.

A: Grooming Brush, cleans violet foliage without damaging it; Use it on show plants or just

to clean up a plant after repotting it. Keep one hand under the leaf you are cleaning when working on the outer row of leaves.

- B: **Grooming Tweezers**, perfect for getting in where fingers can't reach to remove unwanted suckers (side shoots); also for snapping off spent blooms;
- C: **Leaf Cutting Knife**, which is terrific for preparing leaf cuttings, and for scraping the "neck" of an old plant in preparation for rerooting;
- D: **Retractable Blade Knife**, just the thing for cutting out large suckers to save and root.



Deluxe Grooming Kit item #802 (4 items) \$32.59 includes shipping

If sent with other supplies, Item#802A \$29.19, 3 oz Grooming Kit items are sold separately on p. 18 + 19.



Oyama Planter Kit: An Oyama planter is a 2-piece plastic, self-watering pot. The outer pot holds approximately one week's water supply. Your plant is potted directly into the inner pot using a soil less mix. Fill the tube built into the base of the inner pot with perlite. The tube contacts the water in the outer pot and slowly pulls it up into the soil for the plant. Includes a 3.5" Oyama planter with sufficient perlite, and potting mix, plus planting instructions. (My choice of pot color.)

Item #805 **Oyama Planter Kit** \$7.89 Includes shipping If sent with other supplies, Item #805A \$4.69, 8 oz.

### **Swift Moist Rite Planter Kit** - Includes one of these unusual hollow walled planters, a one-half quart

bag of Violet Showcase Potting Medium, a small packet of sand to line the planter bottom, and detailed instructions for prepping and potting your violet. The tiny outlet holes at the base of the inner pot allow water to slowly seep into the soil chamber. Made of high quality plastic. 5" square and  $3\frac{3}{4}$  " tall.

Item #834B, **Swift Planter Kit** \$11.89, includes shipping. Item #834C \$7.89, if sent with other supplies





of African Violet seed which you choose from the 5 different types described on pp. 20 - 21. The step-by-step illustrated instructions tell you how to plant and what to expect. First bloom can be 6 months or more after sowing.

Prices in parenthesis are for kits shipped with other items



Item #700B Green Leaf Seed Kit, \$14.19; (#700C, \$10.19)
Item #701B Variegated Leaf Seed Kit, \$15.89; (#701C, \$11.99)
Item #702B Trailing Habit Seed Kit, \$13.19; (#702C, \$9.19)
Item #703B Miniature Seed Kit, \$13.19; (#703C, \$9.19)
Item #704B Fantasy Blossom Seed Kit, \$14.19; (#704C, \$10.19)

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