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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 African violet babies. White only.

Item #136A, **2" Pot each**, \$.29; Item #136 **per 12**, \$2.49;
 Item #136G, **per 25**, \$4.79; Item # 136H, **per 50**, \$8.19;
 Item #136B, **per 100**, \$15.59; Item #136I, **per 500**, \$73.69



2 1/2" Plastic Pot - 2 1/2" across the mouth and 1 7/8" tall; a nice size for miniatures and semi-miniatures. Terra cotta Brown only.

Item #121, **2 1/2" pot each**, \$.19;
 Item #121A, **per 12**, \$1.69;
 Item #121B, **per 25**, \$3.19;
 Item #121C, **per 50**, \$5.49;

Item #121D **per 100**, \$10.29; Item #121E, **per 500**, \$48.79



3" Plastic Tub - 3" across the top opening + 2 3/8" tall. Green only.
 Item #103A, **3" tub each**, \$.29;
 Item #103, **per 12**, \$2.19;
 Item #103B **per 25**, \$4.19;
 Item #103C **per 50**, \$7.19;
 Item #103D, **per 100**, \$13.49;
 Item #103E, **per 500**, \$63.59

3 1/2" Plastic Tub - 3 1/2" across the top opening, 2 3/4" tall.
 Terra cotta brown only.

Item #120A, **3 1/2" tub each**, \$.29; Item #120, **per 12**, \$2.49;
 Item #120B, **per 25**, \$4.79; Item #120C, **per 50**, \$8.29;
 Item # 120D, **per 100**, \$15.69; Item #120E, **per 500**, \$74.19

4" Plastic Tub - 4" across the top opening, and 3" tall.
 Terra cotta brown only.

Item #122A, **4" Plastic tub, each**, \$.29;
 Item #122, **per 12**, \$2.39;
 Item #122B, **per 25**, \$4.49;
 Item #122C, **per 50**, \$7.79;
 Item #122D, **per 100**, \$14.69;
 Item # 122E, **per 500**, \$69.39



5" Plastic Tub - 5" across the top opening, and 3 1/2" tall. White only.

Item #113A, **5" Tub each**, \$.79; Item #113, **per 12**, \$7.49;
 Item #113I, **per 25**, \$13.39; Item #113J, **per 50**, \$23.29;
 Item #113B, **per 100**, \$44.19; Item #113C, **per 500**, \$209.29

STARTER POTS

These translucent plastic cups are 2.25" 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**, \$2.19;
 Item #105A, **Pack of 100** \$6.89



PAN POTS - These 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, green only; the 6" Pan pots measure 6" across the top opening and are 3 1/2" tall, white only.

Item #140A, **5" Pan Pot, each**, \$.69; Item #140 **per 12**, \$6.59;
 Item #140D, **per 25**, \$12.59; Item #140E, **per 50**, \$21.89;
 Item #140B, **per 100**, \$41.59

Item #116A, **6" Pan Pot, each**, \$.79; Item #116, **per 12**, \$7.99;
 Item #116E, **per 25**, \$15.29; Item # 116F, **per 50**, \$26.49;
 Item #116B, **per 100**, \$50.29

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.*

The 5" hanging basket measures 16 3/4" from the bottom of the saucer to the top of the hanger hook .

Item #107C, 5" Hanging Basket **each**, \$1.89;
 Item #107D 5" Hanging Basket **per 3**, \$4.79;
 Item #107E 5" Hanging Basket **per 6**, \$8.49;
 Item #107F 5" Hanging Basket **per 12**, \$15.19

The 6" hanging basket measures 17 1/2" from the bottom of the saucer to the top of the hanger hook.

Item 109D, 6" Hanging Basket **each**, \$2.19;
 Item 109E, 6" Hanging Basket **per 3**, \$5.19;
 Item 109F, 6" Hanging Basket **per 6**, \$9.29;
 Item #109G, 6" Hanging Basket **per 12**, \$16.59

SNAP-ON PLASTIC SAUCERS for Pan Pots 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" pan pots (item #116) are white.*

These round plastic saucers



Item #204A Snap-On Saucer for 5" pan pot, **each** \$.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 pot, **per dozen**, \$7.29, 6 oz.



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", 3 1/2", 4", 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** each, \$.69;
 Item #104 **Per dozen**, \$7.19;
 Item #104B **per 25**, \$11.69

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 \$6.69 each;
Tray only, Item #161A \$4.69 each; **Grid only**, Item #161C \$2.49 each

8 x 12" Mint GREEN Wicking Tray w/ Grid 2 1/2" deep, Item #153 \$7.89 each;
Tray only, Item #153A \$7.19 each, **Grid only**, Item #153C \$2.49 each

13 x 16" Mint GREEN Wicking Tray 3 1/4" deep, Item #151 \$27.19 each;
Tray only, Item #151A \$24.19 each; **Grid only**, Item #151B \$4.99 each

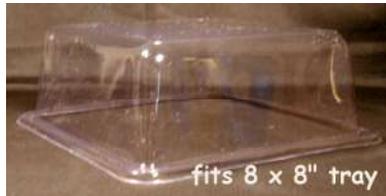
11 x 22" Mint GREEN Wicking Tray 2 1/2" deep, Item #155, \$19.19 each;
Tray only, Item #155A \$13.49 each; **Grid only**, Item #155B \$7.49 each

Clear plastic domes are available to fit the trays shown above.

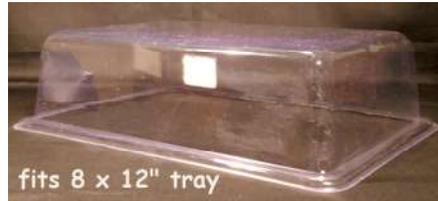
PROPAGATING DOMES

- (Photos are on next page) These are clear, heavy weight plastic domes to fit the four sizes of light green trays sold above. 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. 4.

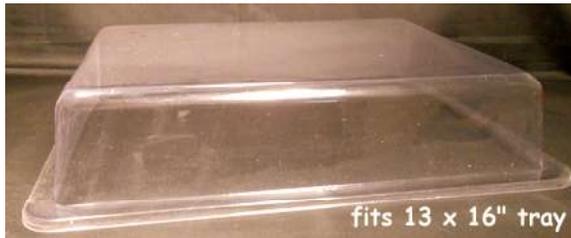


fits 8 x 8" tray



fits 8 x 12" tray

Dome only for 8 x 8" tray, Item #161D, \$3.49,
Dome only for 8 x 12" tray, Item #153D, \$4.29,



fits 13 x 16" tray

Dome only for 13 x 16" tray, Item #151D, \$11.99,

Dome only for 11 x 22" tray, Item #166, \$9.89,



fits 11 x 22" tray

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 that slide open (or closed) to regulate the humidity maintained inside. The smaller dome will accommodate cuttings up to 7" tall. The larger dome will accommodate cuttings up to 7.5" tall. Trays are sold separately on p. 4.



fits 8 x 12" tray

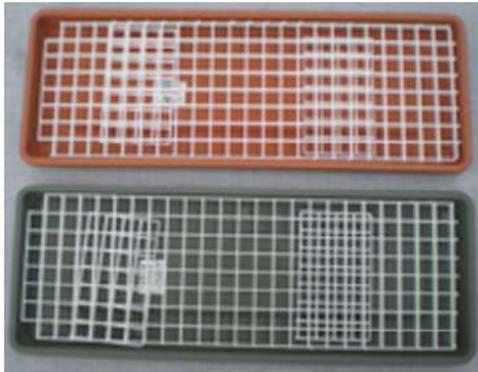
Item #153L **Tall Vented Dome** to fit an 8 x 12" tray \$11.19 each;

Item #152 **Tall Vented Dome** to fit an 11 x 22" tray \$20.69 each



fits 11 x 22" tray

Depending upon what other items you order the Tall Dome may need to be a separate ship item.



Window Sill Trays

6 x 17" Wicking Tray w/ Grid 1" deep, available in 2 colors: Sage Green, and Terra Cotta Brown
 Item #163 \$7.19 **each**;
Tray only, #163A \$5.59 **each**;
Grid only, #163B \$2.99 **each**

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.

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 **each**.; Item #209 **Per 12** \$2.19;
 Item #209E **per 25** \$4.19; Item # 209F **per 50** \$7.29

Item #220A **5" Clear Saucer** \$.35 **each**; Item #220 **Per Dozen** \$3.19
 Item #220F **per 25** \$5.79; Item #220G **per 50** \$10.19

DELI STYLE WICKING RESERVOIRS



- Round, tough, clear plastic containers with heavy gauge translucent snap on lids. These hold 16 fl. oz. and are 4.5" in diameter and 3" tall. Your plant with wick sits on the lid. The wick extends through the hole in the lid into the water below. Easy to see the water level. An inexpensive way to wick water a lot of plants.



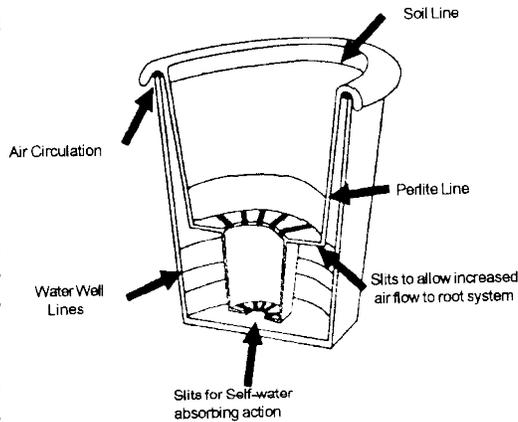
Item #231 **each** \$.89;
 Item #231A **per 12** \$9.69;
 Item #231B **per 25**, \$15.79; Item #231K **per 100**, \$55.19

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 1 1/2" and 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 into 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. Five sizes: 1 1/2", 2 1/2", 3 1/2", 4" and 5". **The 4" size is available only in terra cotta brown. All other sizes available in WHITE and in Dark GREEN for the time being.** The owner of the Oyama company has passed away. Until new ownership is established stock of planters is subject to change.



The 1 1/2", 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 1.5" size is good for micro minis. The 5" size is great for large growing violets and other gesneriads and for Moth orchids, and Lady Slipper orchids.

See p. 22 for the Oyama Planter Kit. It includes all you need to try one of these unique pots.

1 1/2" OYAMA PLANTER Item #118A, \$2.69 each;
Item #118D, **per dozen**, \$26.69

2 1/2" OYAMA PLANTER Item #142, \$3.39 each;
Item #142A **per dozen**, \$32.39

3 1/2" OYAMA PLANTER Item #146, \$4.69 each;
Item #146A **per dozen**, \$47.19

4" OYAMA PLANTER Item #134, \$5.69 each;
Item #134A **per dozen**, \$56.59

5" OYAMA PLANTER Item #135, \$6.69 each;
Item #135A **per dozen**, \$66.69

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. Moistens 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 uses.

Long Fibered sphagnum moss Item #365B **3 oz. bag** \$4.69;
Item #365 **9 oz bag** \$9.29

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 Long Fibered Sphagnum Moss allows. Great for cattleyas and dendrobiums especially.



Item #362 **4 dry quart bag Orchid Mix**, \$8.99;
Item #362B **1 dry quart bag Orchid Mix**, \$2.99

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.



Item #450 **spool Thin Wick**, \$7.19 ea, Item #450C **5 yards Thin Wick**, \$1.69,
Item #450D **10 yards Thin Wick**, \$7.79 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 yd Heavy wick**; Item #451A **16 yd shank of Heavy wick** \$4.19
Item #451B **5 yards Heavy Wick**, \$6.79, 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 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 the Propagating Medium. These mediums are light and porous - ideal for wick or capillary mat watering. Can be constantly fertilized. The PH is approximately 6.5.

- Item #350C 1 Qt. Bag Potting Medium \$2.49;
- Item 350J 1.5 Qt. Bag Potting Medium \$3.39;
- Item #350 3 Qt. Bag Potting Medium \$4.39;
- Item #350A 9 Quart Bag Potting Medium \$8.99;
- Item #350H 20 Qt. Potting Medium \$24.19;
- Item #350B 40 Qt. Potting Medium \$35.19

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. Bag Propagating Medium \$2.49;
- Item 351C 1.5 Qt. Bag Propagating Medium \$3.39;
- Item #351 3 Qt. Bag Propagating Medium \$4.39;
- Item #351B 9 Quart Bag Propagating Medium \$8.99;
- Item #351G 20 Quart Bag Propagating Medium \$24.19;
- Item #351A 40 Qt. Bag Propagating Medium \$35.19



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. Available in the same sizes as the Potting Medium shown above.

- Item #352C 1 Qt. #2 (Medium) Vermiculite \$1.49;
- Item #352K 1.5 Qt. #2 (Medium) Vermiculite \$1.99;
- Item #352 3 Qt. #2 (Medium) Vermiculite \$2.69;

Item #352D 9 Quart Bag #2 (Medium) Vermiculite \$6.99;
 Item #352J 20 Quart Bag #2 (Medium) Vermiculite \$13.39;
 Item #352A 40 Quart Bag #2 (medium) Vermiculite \$24.69



Item #353C 1 Qt. #3 (Fine) Vermiculite \$1.49,
 Item 353K 1.5 Qt. #3 (Fine) Vermiculite \$1.99
 Item #353 3 Qt. #3 (Fine) Vermiculite \$2.69,
 Item #353D 9 Qt. #3 (Fine) Vermiculite \$6.29,
 Item #353L 20 Qt. #3 (Fine) Vermiculite \$12.39
 Item #353A 40 Qt. #3 (Fine) Vermiculite \$24.99

PERLITE - helps aerate soil mixes. Three different sizes. #4 is popular to put in the bottom

of pots of such violet cousins as Streptocarpus to give extra drainage. #4 is also popular with orchid growers. #6 is considered coarse. Chunky is for those who want something between the two. The coins in the photo are nickels.



Extra Coarse

Item #363E Extra Coarse Perlite (#4) 1 Qt. Perlite \$1.19;
 Item #363L Extra Coarse Perlite (#4) 1.5 Qt. Perlite \$1.49;
 Item #363 Extra Coarse Perlite (#4) 3 Qt. Perlite \$1.89;
 Item #363F Extra Coarse Perlite (#4) 9 Qt. Perlite \$4.89;
 Item #363I Extra Coarse Perlite (#4) 20 Qt. Perlite \$9.39;
 Item #363A Extra Coarse Perlite (#4) 40 Qt. Perlite \$17.19

Chunky

Item #368 Chunky Perlite 1 Qt. Perlite \$1.19;
 Item #368A Chunky Perlite 1.5 Qt. Perlite \$1.39;
 Item #368B Chunky Perlite 3 Qt. Perlite \$1.99 ;
 Item #368C Chunky Perlite 9 Qt. Perlite \$5.19;
 Item #368D Chunky Perlite 20 Qt. Perlite \$10.19;
 Item #368E Chunky Perlite 40 Qt. Perlite \$17.69

Coarse

Item #354E Coarse Perlite (#6) 1 Qt. Perlite \$.99;
 Item #354L Coarse Perlite(#6) 1.5 Qt. Perlite \$1.19;
 Item #354 Coarse Perlite (#6) 3 Qt. Perlite \$1.69;
 Item #354C Coarse Perlite (#6) 9 Qt. Perlite \$3.89;
 Item #354M Coarse Perlite (#6) 20 Qt. Perlite 7.39;
 Item #354A Coarse Perlite (#6) 40 Qt. Perlite \$13.29

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** \$1.59;
- Item #367I Peat Moss **1.5 Qt. Bag** \$1.69;
- Item #367A Peat Moss **3 Qt. Bag** \$2.39;
- Item #367B Peat Moss **9 Qt. Bag** \$5.89;
- Item #367H Peat Moss **20 Qt. Bag** \$11.69



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

Item #359C **1 Dry Quart bag** Charcoal \$6.19;

Item #359 **4 Dry Quart bag** Charcoal \$10.39;



DOLOMITE LIME - for adjusting potting soil PH.

- Item #356F **10 oz. Dolomite Lime** \$1.79 ;
- Item #356 **1 lb. Dolomite Lime** \$2.99;
- Item #356A **4 lb. Dolomite Lime** \$7.49



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 S.T.E.M.**, \$7.59;
- Item #357 **16 oz. container S.T.E.M.**, \$8.59

FOR ROOTING AND STARTING...

Tall Dome - This heavy gauge clear plastic dome fits onto a 10 x 20" tray (Item #158A). 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 two vent openings on the top located at diagonal 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 not perfectly fit the 11 x 22"

PermaNest 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.

Item #162 **Tall Dome only**, \$7.89 each;
 Item #162A **Tall Dome with 10 x 20" tray** \$12.49;
 Item #158A **10 x 20 Tray only**, \$5.89

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. Has a hinged lid like a corsage box.

Mini Propagating Box Item #165 \$1.29 each; Item #165A **per dozen** \$11.69



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 will vary.

Item #314 **Pack of 100 piks** \$2.29

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 for us. Just brush the powder onto the section which will contact the soil. 2 oz. jar

Item # 401 **Root Inducing Powder** \$7.29



FERTILIZERS

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 1/4 teaspoon per gallon of water at each watering. Each tub contains 8 oz. of fertilizer: enough to mix up about 200 gallons of solution.

Item #400 **Jack's Classic 12-36-14 African Violet Fertilizer** 8 oz. tub \$8.49



Jack's Classic 10-30-20 Blossom Booster fertilizer 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**, 8 oz. tub \$8.49

DYNA-GRO FERTILIZERS

Plants grown with Dyna-Gro Liquid Fertilizer 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.

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 \$8.79

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 \$8.79 each

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



Red Lava Sand - articles in past issues of the [African Violet Magazine](#) 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!

Item #355 **Red Lava Sand 1 lb.** \$5.79

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 me. 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.** \$2.69;
Item #511A **3 lb.** \$6.29

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, \$11.39

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. It is safe to use at each watering and is harmless to plants at this dilution. This product is 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., and 16 oz. sizes.



Item #507 **Physan 20 8 fl. oz.**, \$8.59;

Item #517 **Physan 20 16 fl. oz.** \$14.19



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;
 Item #509A **Pack of 25 strips** \$13.19

STAKE-HOLDERS for STIKY STRIPS - 9 1/2" long with simple top prong for holding the Sticky Strip. Looks like what holds the gift card in a florist's bouquet.

Item #510 \$.29 **each**;
 Item #510A **per dozen** \$2.19;
 Item #510B **per 100** \$13.49



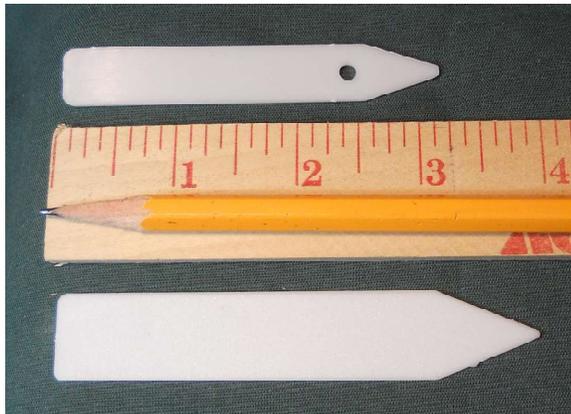
Triple Action (concentrate) - a product that is effective as a broad spectrum insecticide, a miticide, and a fungicide. Use for control of insects, fungal diseases, and mites on vegetables, fruits, herbs, roses, flowers, shrubs, and houseplants. Contains pyrethrins and neem oil.



Kills egg, larvae + adult states 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. Mix 3/8 teaspoons per 8 oz. of warm water (or 6 teaspoons per gallon.) Thoroughly spray upper and lower leaf surfaces until completely wet, but not dripping. Repeat every 7 - 14 days depending upon degree of severity.

8 fl. oz. bottle

Item #516 **Triple Action Concentrate** \$13.39



PLANT LABELS

These are white plastic plant labels available in two sizes. The 3" size is 3 1/8" long by 3/8" wide. The 3" size comes in sheets of 10 which can be easily snapped apart. The 4" size is 3 7/8" long by 11/16" wide. You can write on either side of these labels 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) overnight in undiluted laundry bleach. The bleach does not harm the labels. Both sizes **WHITE** only.

3"	#556 \$.75 per 10	#556A \$1.39 per 20	#556B \$3.19 per 50	#556C \$5.59 per 100
4"	#557 \$.89 per 12	#557A \$1.69 per 25	#557B \$2.99 per 50	#557C \$5.29 per 100

TOOLS

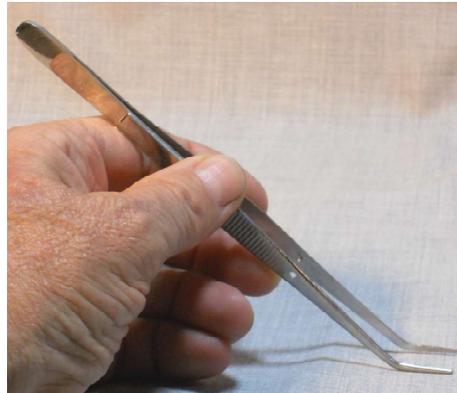


MARKING PEN - we use this marker on our plant variety name stakes. Super fine point with permanent, non- fading, fast drying black ink. Twist off cap w/ pocket clip. 5.5" long.

Item #300 **Marking Pen** \$1.79

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 spent blooms cleanly. 6" long. Made of stainless steel. Great on standards and minis.

Item #306 **Tweezers** \$5.49



VIOLET

GROOMING BRUSH - This soft, exploded tip polyester brush will very effectively remove dust and dirt from foliage without damage to the leaves. Use it on your 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 each

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

below.

Item #309 **Leaf Cutting Knife**, \$5.29 each. [The blade is replaceable.](#)

5 pack Leaf Cutting Knife **Replacement Blades** Item #309A \$3.19

RETRACTABLE BLADE KNIFE - With the increasing

popularity of chimera (pinwheel type blossom) violets, this knife is a life saver. The sharp blade is only 1/4" 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. [The blade is replaceable.](#)



Item #310 **Retractable Blade Knife** \$14.69 (On top in photo above)

2 pack Retractable Blade Knife Replacement Blades
Item #310A \$4.79 **2 pack**



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

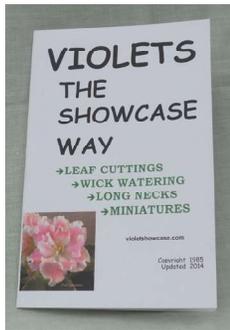
Bloomer Groomer Tool - indispensable for grooming your violets and other houseplants. This 6" long grooming tool has a

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 re-rooting. 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, \$7.39



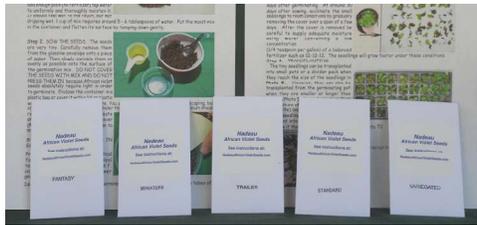
VIOLETS THE SHOWCASE WAY

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



How to make leaf cuttings work, How to wick water, Rejuvenating long-necked violets, and Growing miniatures successfully. Paperback.

Item #600 Booklet 1 \$5.29



AFRICAN VIOLET SEED

Each sealed packet contains approximately 100 seeds (miniature approximately 50 seed) and includes 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 and other items please use the prices shown below.

STANDARD Green Leaf (regular sized plants with green foliage)

Item #700 \$8.89, **per packet;**

TRAILING (will display varying degrees of trailing growth habit.)

Item #702 \$8.89, **per packet;**

STANDARD Variegated Leaf (regular sized plants)

Item #701 \$10.29 **per packet;**

STANDARD Fantasy blooms (speckled flowers)

Item #704, \$8.89 **per packet;**

MINIATURE (will display varying degrees of the mini trait.)

Item #703 \$10.29 **per packet**

Intelligent Plant Light replacement bulb. The manufacturer discontinued production of the lamp itself, but I still have stock for replacement bulbs.

Item #750A \$9.89 each



Ordering & Shipping Information:

PLACING YOUR ORDER: To place your order contact me via email at violetshowcase@yahoo.com, or via postal mail (P. O. Box 300091, Denver, Colorado 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.

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 Paypal account to pay a Paypal invoice. Orders shipped to a Colorado address will be charged 2.9% sales tax.

Please do not send me your credit card information.

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

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.

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SPECIAL OFFERS:



Basic Wicking Kit: All of the basic supplies necessary to try wick watering 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 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 included. The thinner wick cord is for the 3" or 3 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 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, \$7.19 includes shipping
 If sent with other items, Item #841A, \$3.99

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 pots. 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, 1 yard of thick wick and the VIOLETS THE SHOWCASE WAY booklet.

Deluxe Wicking Kit, Item #800, \$25.89 includes shipping.
 If sent with other items: Item #800A \$17.19



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

A: **Grooming Brush**, which cleans the foliage without damaging it;
 B: **Grooming Tweezers**, which are perfect for getting in where fingers can't reach to remove suckers; and also for snipping 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 item #842 (3 items) \$18.99 includes shipping. If sent with other supplies, Item #842A \$14.29, 3 oz

Grooming Kit items are sold separately on p. 17 + 18

Deluxe Grooming Kit: Includes the four violet grooming tools in the photo.

A: **Grooming Brush**, which cleans



the foliage without damaging it;

B: **Grooming Tweezers**, which are perfect for getting in where fingers can't reach to remove suckers; and also for snipping off spent blooms;

C: **Leaf Cutting Knife**, which is terrific for preparing leaf cuttings, and for scraping the "neck" of an old plant;

D: **Retractable Blade Knife**, just the thing for cutting out large suckers to save and root.

Deluxe Grooming Kit item #802 (4 items) **\$36.59** includes shipping
If sent with other supplies, Item #802A \$31.79, 3 oz

Grooming Kit items are sold separately on p. 17 + 18

Oyama Planter Kit : An Oyama planter is a 2-piece plastic, self-watering pot. The outer pot hold approximately one week's supply of water. Fill the tube built into the base of the inner pot with perlite, then plant your violet directly into the inner pot using a soil less mix. The tube contacts the water in the outer (lower) 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.)



Oyama Planter Kit Item #805 \$8.79 includes shipping.

If sent with other supplies, Item #805A \$3.89, 8 oz.



African Violet Seed Kit - This kit consists of a clear plastic, recloseable planting box, Propagating Mix sufficient to fill it, and one packet of African Violet seed which you choose from the 5 different types described on p 19. 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 the seed.

Item #700B **Green Leaf Seed Kit** , \$18.99 including shipping.

#700C, \$11.19 if shipped with other items.

Item #701B **Variegated Leaf Seed Kit**, \$20.39 including shipping.

#701C, \$12.49 if shipped with other items.

Item #702B, **Trailing Habit Seed Kit**, \$18.99 including shipping.

#702C, \$11.19 if shipped with other items.

Item #703B **Miniature Seed Kit**, \$20.39 including shipping.

#703C, \$12.49 if shipped with other items.

Item #704B **Fantasy Blossom Seed Kit**, \$18.99 including shipping.

#704C \$11.19 if shipped with other items.

Long time customers may notice some changes to the Growing Supplies catalog. Both the US Postal Service and United Parcel Service now base their rates not only on how much a package weighs, but also on its size. Items you order need to be packed up to determine what the shipping will be. For this reason the weight of an item no longer is included in it's description.

Several suppliers of items that I have offered for many years have recently died. These deaths affect leaf support rings, Swift's Moist Rite Planters, and Oyama Planters.

In each case until the heirs resolve what is to be done with the respective businesses and inventories the availability of these three items is in limbo. I am sold out of Swift's Moist Rite Planters and all sizes of Leaf Support Rings. Oyama planters are no longer in production, but there is considerable stock warehoused although not all sizes in all colors.

Hopefully these different situations will be resolved soon and the affected items will become available again.

