

MOUNTING ORCHIDS

The only time to remount your orchids is when the new roots are just starting to show from the new growth.

Selecting the new mount

The new mount should allow for around 4/5 years growth. It can be selected from the following;

- Black Tree Fern. (weathered)
- Brown Tree Fern (weathered)
- Compressed Cork
- Virgin Cork
- Old weathered hardwood Palings
- Iron Bark (bark or slabs) must be well weathered.
- Gutter Guard stitched and filled with bark (or your choice of filler)

Make your hook from the following

- Aluminium wire
- Plastic coated wire
- Galvanised wire

Material to tie on Plant

- Stocking cut into 12mm strips
- Plastic coated wire
- Fishing line,
- Any other string or twine that will last
- Super Glue.

Removing plant from slab

Do this very gently. If the plant is very firmly attached, use a sharp knife or scalpel to cut between the slab and plant. This will cause less damage than tearing the plant off.

Tying the plant to the new slab

Use your choice of tie to very securely to the new slab, there must be no way the plant will move, otherwise the new roots will be damaged each time the plant moves.

You can drill holes, on either side of the plant, in the slab and tie the plant securely. A dab of super glue put on the plants rhizome and held onto the slab, till set.