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# FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants

## Shepherd's Clock

**Category**
Flowering Succulent

**Family**
Crassulaceae

**Common Name**
Rock Orchid

**Vairty of colour**

**Description**
Showy Lady's Slipper is a beautiful hardy orchid with broad, strongly veined green leaves. It produces large flowers with white petals and a pink, slipper-shaped pouch. Mature plants can grow about 35–85 cm tall.

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## Watering

💧 **Water only when the soil is dry.**

- Summer: Once every 7–10 days
- Winter: Once every 15–20 days
- Avoid overwatering

## Temperature

🌡️ Best Temperature
• 18°C to 28°C
Can Tolerate
• 10°C to 35°C
Protect from frost and freezing temperatures.

## Sunlight

☀️ Loves bright light.
Ideal Light
• 3-5 hours of morning sunlight
• Bright indirect light indoors

## Fertilizer

🌱 Feed once every month during spring and summer.
Recommended Fertilizers
• Succulent Fertilizer
• NPK 19:19:19 Liquid Fertilizer

## Soil

🪴 Requires very well-draining succulent soil.
Simple Soil Mix
• 40% River Sand or Perlite
• 40% Garden Soil
• 20% Cocopeat or Compost

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## Humidity

💨 Prefers low humidity.
Ideal Humidity
• 30%–50%

## Reproduction

🌿 Very easy to propagate through stem cuttings, division, and leaf cuttings.
Stem Cutting Method (Best Method)

1. Cut a healthy stem 8–10 cm long.
2. Let the cut end dry for 1 day.
3. Plant it in well-draining succulent soil.

## Benefits

🌿 Easy to propagate through leaves, offsets, and seeds.
Leaf Propagation

1. Gently remove a healthy leaf.
2. Allow it to dry for 1–2 days.

**Difficulty Level: Easy 🌿**

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