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PLANTS for HOME & GARDEN



Cattleya Orchid Bright Spark *(Cattleya hybrid)*

Growing Instructions:

This micro-miniature cattleya is a hybrid with *Cattleya cernua* as one of the parents. Bright Spark is easier to grow, faster growing and has more vigor than the species. Since it only reaches 2-3" tall, it's best to mount it on cork or bark. The roots will attach and make numerous other small plants. Use only a small amount of sphagnum moss to hold water since the roots need to be able to attach to the cork or bark through the moss. The leaf edges and central leaf vein develop a dark pigmentation when grown in bright light. The bloom season is fall through early winter, and the plant produces 1-2 flowers during the first bloom season. When the plant is mature, it usually has 3-5 vibrant red-orange flowers per spike.

Grow in bright light, but not hot, direct sun. The plant needs to be watered almost daily. Drench under running water in the sink, then hang up to drain. Or mist heavily until water drips out of the media and off the cork. Fertilize every two weeks with one-quarter strength diluted liquid orchid fertilizer.

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