

## What you will need:

- compost - peat based or peat-free
- perlite
- hormone rooting powder or gel
- a sharp knife or good secateurs
- a small flower pot 3” or 9cm is ideal
- pen / pencil and labels
- hand sprayer or mister
- a quantity of plastic 20oz glasses or plastic bags
- and of course a supply of good quality cuttings



## Making a start:

- first we must select a growing medium
- peat is still readily available and preferred by most amateur growers although some peat-free alternatives can give good results
- mix the compost with Perlite at a rate of 1:1
- pre-fill 3” pots with the mixture
- select the stem to be rooted
- a stem that has produced a good flower should be chosen, remove the flower head and cut so that four pairs of leaves are left on the stem
- strip off the bottom two sets of leaves and re-cut the bottom of the stem just under the leaf joint
- dip the bottom inch (25mm) into rooting hormone powder or rooting gel
- make a hole in the compost mixture down to the bottom of the pot
- place the new cutting into the hole leaving the top two sets of leaves above the compost and gently ‘firm in’
- give the pot a good watering and spray the leaves with the hand sprayer/mister
- label the cutting and date to give guide to progress
- place a pint plastic glass over the pot to give a good friction fit or alternatively place the cutting/pot in a plastic bag
- place your cuttings out of direct sunlight in a cool greenhouse or cold frame until rooting begins

- stand the pots on polystyrene to keep bottom of pot warm to encourage rooting or better in a heated propagator
- check the cutting regularly and spray / mist to keep humidity high under the plastic glass or bag
- look for tell-tale signs of new root-growth through the bottom of the pot
- new growth should now start from the top leaf joints
- once a good level of growth is seen the glass may be removed and the cutting 'hardened off'
- depending upon time of year, temperature, variety and growing environment, cuttings may take 2 to 8 weeks to root
- once fully established the cutting may be potted up to next size pot (treat as hardy fuchsias)

**Remember:**

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