

## Tips for Success

**Water:** Water your plants immediately after taking them out of the box. Give them enough water so that the soil appears damp and water trickles out the bottom of the pot.

**Indoors or Outdoors?:** Clivia is a tropical plant that needs to stay warm year round. They love to be placed outside during the warm summer months and then once night temperatures start to drop to around 45F, it is necessary to bring them indoors. Alternatively, you may keep them indoors year round if you would like.

**Optimal Lighting:** Inside the home Clivia need nothing more than bright light. This makes them an ideal house plant. Keeping them near a north window or somewhere that they can get bright light throughout the day is optimal. During the summer months, if you place your plant outside, keep it mostly shaded or it may burn.

**Tips for Blooming:** Clivia need to be quite root bound in order for the plants to be induced to bloom. That means it is good to keep your plant in a smallish pot so the roots can quickly fill it out. Only transplant your Clivia to larger pots every 3-5 years. They perform best in terra cotta containers that will allow the roots to breathe well.



## Roberta's Gardens PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



**South African Bush Lily Clivia**  
*Clivia miniata*



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## Quick Reference

 **Plant Type:** Tropical

 **Light/Sun:**

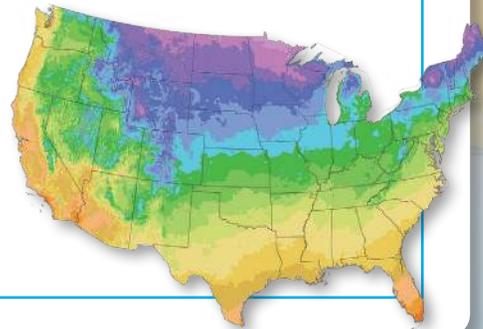
Partial Sun to Partial Shade

 **Mature Height:** 18-24"

 **Mature Spread:** 18-24"

 **Bloom Time:** Autumn to Winter

 **USDA Hardiness Zones:** 9 to 11



## Plant Caretaking

**Upon Arrival:** Please take plants out of the box immediately and remove any shipping materials from around the plants. Give them some water and place them in a warm sunny area for 1-2 days before replanting.

**Planting Depth & Spacing:** Plant directly in the ground only if your winters stay very warm, above 45F. If planting in the ground, space about 2' apart.

**Potted Plants:** Make sure your container has holes to allow excess water to drain. Place one plant in an 8-10" container. Clivia prefer to be planted in containers that keep their roots crowded. Having their roots confined allows them to bloom better.

**Soil Preparation:** They prefer bagged potting mixes for houseplants that will drain well. Most garden centers carry various brand names with perlite, vermiculite, soil and sand.

**Watering:** Clivia like it on the dry side. Watering every 2 weeks from January through October is typically enough. From November through December only water every 2 months! Too much water causes pale green or bright cankers on the leaves eventually damaging the plant permanently.

**Fertilizer:** Use Roberta's Bounty a couple weeks after planting and then once or twice a month all summer long.

**Pet Considerations:** Ensure your pets do not consume plants.

**Blooming:** Their flowering heads of brilliant tangerine-orange appear in late winter through late spring beginning the second season. They will live for decades on end and grow more impressive with age.

## Planting Steps

**Step 1** Remove plants from their box and take off other packing materials. Open your box outside or somewhere you don't mind getting messy, as some of the soil may have been shaken loose in transit.

**Step 2** Check if your plant is thirsty. They probably need a nice drink of water after their voyage. If the plant feels light or the soil is dry to the touch, give your plants a watering.

**Step 3** Allow your plants time to adjust to their new home before re-planting by placing them in a warm sunny spot for 1-2 days. Then they will be ready for re-planting with renewed vigor.

**Step 4** Pull away or cut off any yellow or brown leaves, or any old flowers – this is normal.

**Step 5** Transplant into larger 8 inch container separately or together in even a larger container. Pack soil firmly around the crown and roots deep enough so that the plants stand upright. Water again. Unless you live where winters stay very warm, these should be planted in containers.

