



Fragrant Orchids

Beautiful to look at and pretty to smell, fragrant orchids—wafting hints of cinnamon, coconut, lemon, vanilla, and chocolate—are natural alternatives to perfumed candles and room sprays. Horticulturist Steven Frowine's recently released book—*Fragrant Orchids*—profiles 110 varieties and has helpful photographs. To infuse your home with a strong sweet floral scent, select *Cattleya maritima*, at far left, which is an easy-to-grow plant that produces large white to purple flowers. *Brassia longissima*, foreground, features dramatic spidery flowers and a light sweet candy fragrance. Looking for a dose of chocolate without the calories? Ever-popular *Oncidium* 'Sharry Baby,' at left, is one of the most widely available fragrant orchids. Frowine recommends setting the plants in a warm, sunny room and watering them weekly—but never leave an orchid standing in water.

HOW TO GET IT: Book, *Fragrant Orchids* by Steven A. Frowine, Timber Press; 800/327-5680; timberpress.com. Plants, Orchids by Hausermann; 630/543-6855; orchidsbyhausermann.com. Blue glass tile, Crossville ceramics; 931/484-2110; crossvilleinc.com.