

Surprise your father with an orchid delivery by choosing a healthy plant, arranging a time when he can receive it, and adding a note that sounds like you. A little planning will keep the delivery a secret and give him a plant he can enjoy long after it arrives.

## Choose an orchid he can enjoy

A moth orchid, also called a Phalaenopsis, is a good place to start. Its flowers grow along arching stems, and it is widely available as a potted plant. White flowers have a quiet, classic look, while pink or purple can make the gift feel more colorful.

Think about where your father might put it. A compact plant will fit more easily on a desk or shelf than a large arrangement. If he likes simple things, choose a plain pot rather than one covered in decorations. The plant itself can be the main attraction.

Look for a plant with firm leaves and a mix of open flowers and unopened buds. Buds can give him more blooms to look forward to after the delivery.

## Pick the right delivery moment

Choose a day when your father is likely to be home, or arrange for someone he trusts to receive the plant. If you are unsure of his schedule, a family member or friend may be able to help without giving away the surprise.

Consider the setting, too. A home delivery gives him time to open the gift at his own pace. A workplace delivery can be a cheerful interruption, but only if he has a suitable spot for the plant and a way to take it home.

Check the delivery details before placing the order. Make sure the address and contact information are correct, and ask what happens if nobody is available to accept the orchid.

## Add a note that feels personal

Your message does not have to be long. Mention something specific you appreciate about him, or tell him why you thought of him when you saw the orchid. A few sincere lines will feel more personal than a formal greeting.

You might write, “Dad, I saw this orchid and thought it would look right at home on your desk. Thank you for always making time to listen.” Change the details to fit your relationship. Even a simple “Thinking of you, Dad” is enough.

## Make the arrival easy

Before you confirm the order, take a moment to plan for the practical details:

- Choose a delivery date that leaves room for any stated delivery window.
- Ask a trusted person to help if your father may be out.
- Check that the plant will be protected from excessive heat or cold during delivery.
- Include your name on the card so he knows who sent it.

## Help him care for the gift

If your father is new to orchids, include a brief care note or ask for the care instructions to travel with the plant. Moth orchids generally prefer bright, indirect light and a pot that lets excess water drain away. He can check the potting material before watering rather than keeping it constantly wet.

After the orchid arrives, give him a call or send a message. Hearing his reaction is a lovely way to share the moment, even if you cannot be there to see him open it.

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