

BOG PLANTS

- Take the plant gently out of its container and rinse it with a hose to remove all soil.
- Look for divisions between individual plant stalks and its root system.
- Pull the division apart by hand, or cut them apart with sharp pruning shears or a long, sharp knife.
- Place a base of soil in the basket until the crown - the part of the plant that should be at "ground" or surface level - rests about an inch below the edge of the basket.
- Add fertilizer tablets, spaced, as recommended, and then fill soil around the plant up to an inch of the crown.
- Then fill the last inch with lava rock or small, river rock up to crown.
- This will keep loose soil from floating up as you lower the plant to its shelf.

HINT: Some plants, such as cattails, have such a thick growth of roots that it is very difficult to locate sections. For these, just choose small groups of stalks and cut the roots to separate them. Because cattails grow aggressively, you might prefer to place them in a closed pot without holes to keep their roots from taking over in your pond.