Growing begonia tubers in the Radix Glass

The begonia tuber should be started immediately upon receipt. If this is not possible, store it cool and dark at about 10 °C. Extended storage is not recommended, as it reduces viability.

To start, fill the Radix Glass with water up to the intermediate shelf. Place the tuber on that shelf with the pink to green shoots facing upward. The lower part of the tuber should lightly touch or dip into the water so roots can form. Gradually, almost-transparent roots will grow from the underside of the tuber. Keep the tuber consistently moist at first until the roots reach 1–2 cm; top up the water as needed. If a white, fuzzy mold appears, gently remove the tuber from the glass and rinse it under running water. One to two shoots will develop; these can last up to four months.

The begonia prefers a bright location. However, avoid placing the Radix glass directly on a windowsill during very sunny summer days, as the water can heat up significantly. Algae are also more likely in warm weather. Occasionally change the water and clean the container, this reduces algae and restores dissolved oxygen to the plant, which decreases faster in warm, stagnant water.

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