

A Lovely Day for Mounting on to Sandstone ***By George Oehm (aussieorchids@bigpond.com)***

A rock wall with a *Sarcochilus* orchid growing on it was my inspiration.



1.) Sandstone Rock roughly 30 x 25 cms.



2.) Preparing to drill 4 x 5mm holes, plus a few others.



3.) 4 x holes drilled to a depth of 45 mm –
I use a bit of bonsai wire on the drill bit as a depth indicator.



4.) Wall plugs and galvanised flat head nails.



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5.) Tie down bonsai wire 1mm - made of aluminium, flexible, but strong.



6.) The Victim - *Sarco. fitzgeraldii* cross - pot bound needs to be repotted, so a good subject.



7.) Root system is reasonable given that this *Sarco.* does not receive a great deal of attention.



8.) Half of the roots system cut off, and some of the bark mix removed.



9.) Lined with a little coco fibre to help retain a little moisture.



10.) A few more holes to allow water to penetrate the sandstone, tag and bonsai wire in place - tie will be diagonal forming an 'X'.



11.) Firmly secured.



12.) This has been watered in using a sprayer that also contains Auxinone (root hormone) and Aminogrow. White powder contains, dolomite, lime, blood and bone, rock dust, slow release fertiliser and metarex.

