

# Planting How-to



**1.** Choose a container that has drainage holes and is twice as deep as the bulbs to



**2.** Partially fill the



**3.** Arrange the bulbs on the soil surface. Avoid injuring the bulbs; don't press



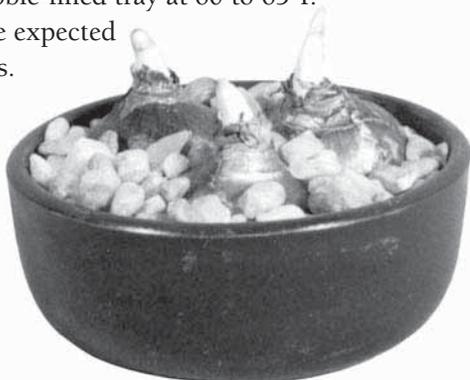
Plant flat-sided bulbs, such as tulips, with the flat side facing the edge of the container. This allows the first leaves to form a border around the edge of the pot. Tulips are more attractive when planted densely (about 5 to 7 bulbs



**4.** Fill the container with the soil mix until bulb tips show just above the soil

## Paperwhite narcissus

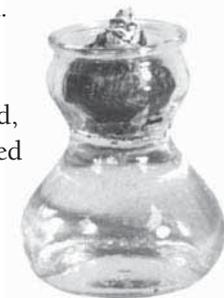
Paperwhite narcissus do not require a cold storage period to flower. They may be grown in potting soil or in a pebble-filled tray at 60 to 65°F. Flowers can be expected in 5 to 6 weeks.



## Hyacinths

Hyacinths are quite handsome when planted singly in a 4-inch pot. Three hyacinth bulbs would be appropriate for a 6-inch pot.

Pre-cooled hyacinth bulbs may be grown in water-filled, hourglass-shaped vases called hyacinth glasses.



## Bulbs recommended for forcing

### Crocuses

#### Variety

Flower Record  
Jeanne d'Arc  
Mammoth Yellow  
Pickwick  
Remembrance

#### Color

purple  
white  
yellow  
white with blue stripes  
lavender

### Daffodils

#### Variety

Barrett Browning  
Bridal Crown  
Carlton  
Dutch Master  
Flower Record  
cup  
Geranium  
Ice Follies  
Las Vegas  
Mount Hood  
Tête à Tête  
Unsurpassable

#### Color

white, orange cup  
double, white, orange center  
golden yellow  
golden yellow  
white, orange-rimmed yellow  
  
white, orange cup  
white, creamy yellow cup  
white, canary yellow cup  
ivory white  
yellow miniature  
yellow

### Grape Hyacinth (Muscari)

#### Variety

Blue Spike  
Early Giant

#### Color

double, blue  
deep blue

### Hyacinths

#### Variety

Amethyst  
Blue Jacket  
Carnegie  
City of Haarlem  
Delft Blue  
Jan Bos  
Lady Derby  
L'Innocence  
Pink Pearl  
Professor de Hertogh  
Yellow Queen

#### Color

lilac purple  
navy blue  
white  
soft primrose yellow  
porcelain blue  
pinkish red  
rose pink  
ivory white  
deep pink  
bluish purple  
yellow

### Paperwhite Narcissus

#### Variety

Bethlehem ('Nony')  
Galilee ('Gallilea')  
Grand Soleil d'Or  
Israel ('Omri')  
Jerusalem ('Sheleg')  
Nazareth ('Yael')  
Ziva

#### Color

creamy white, yellow cup  
pure white  
yellow, orange cup  
creamy yellow, yellow cup  
pure white  
soft yellow, bright yellow cup  
pure white

### Tulips

#### Variety

Angelique  
Annie Schilder  
Apricot Beauty  
Attila  
Bellona  
Bestseller  
Christmas Marvel  
Couleur Cardinal  
Esther  
île de France  
Kees Nelis  
Leen van der Mark  
Merry Widow  
Monte Carlo  
Negrita  
Passionale  
Paul Richter  
Pax  
Peerless Pink  
Prinses Irene  
Shirley

#### Color

double, pink  
orange  
apricot  
light purple violet  
golden yellow  
coppery orange  
cherry pink  
deep scarlet  
soft pink with lighter edges  
cardinal red  
red-edged yellow  
cardinal red-edged white  
red-edged white  
double, yellow  
reddish purple  
lilac purple  
scarlet red  
white  
pink  
orange with purple flames  
white-edged purple



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