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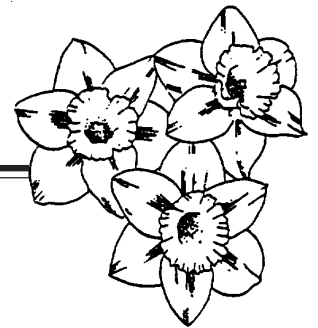
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Forcing Bulbs -Tulips-



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- *Fill pots to within 3" of the rim with potting soil.*
 - *Place bulbs with flat sides facing outward, leaving 1/2 to 1" space between bulbs. Do not let the bulbs touch the sides of the pots.*
 - *Add more soil around bulbs, firm and water well. Bulb tops should be just barely covered.*
 - *Allow 10 to 12 weeks in a cool, dark place (40-50 degrees) for rooting. Move the pots to a slightly warmer, light room until plants are about 4" tall and buds are visible (usually 3-4 weeks).*
 - *Tulips may be sped up by bringing them to room temperature or slowed down by keeping them cool. Bulbs planted in mid-October will bloom in January, or may be slowed to bloom near Valentine's Day.*
 - *Keep cool and water often when blooming to prolong blossoms.*
 - *After flowers fade and foliage withers, bulbs may be stored for later planting in the garden.*

Narcissi and Daffodils



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- *Plant 5 to 6 bulbs in a 6" to 7" pot -- bulbs planted in mid-October will bloom in January or February.*
 - *Allow 10 weeks for cool, root development. Then move pots to a cool, lighted room until leaves are about 3" tall and flower buds are visible (usually 3-4 weeks).*
 - *When the flower buds appear move your pot of bulbs where you can enjoy the flowers.*
 - *Small 'rock-garden' narcissi are especially pretty in containers, but all daffodils add color to your winter season.*

Hyacinths



In Soil-

- *Even one single hyacinth in a small pot is effective.*
- *Plant with tips of bulbs even with the top edge of the pot -- soil level should be about 3/4" from the top.*
- *Allow 8 to 12 weeks for cool-dark (40-45 degree) root development, then about 4 weeks for bud growth in a lighted window.*
- *Water occasionally. Keep the soil moist but do not keep the soil soggy wet. The plants will need more water when the leaves begin to develop and even more water when the flowers appear.*
- *Bulbs forced in soil will have deeper color than those forced in water.*

In Water-

- *Water should barely touch the bulb base.*
- *Charcoal in the container will help keep the water clear.*
- *Give bulbs a slow cool start, about 45-50 degrees for 8 to 10 weeks is great. Bulbs kept too warm will still bloom, but the blossom stem will be very short.*
- *Bring the container into bright light when roots are developed. Discard the bulb after the flowers fade.*



Crocus

- *Plant in a shallow pot with bulbs' noses just at the soil surface.*
- *Allow 7 to 10 weeks for cool-dark (40-45 degree) root development, then about 4 weeks for bud growth in a lighted window.*
- *Crocus require 7 to 10 weeks of cool rooting time, but buds develop quickly when pots are brought into the light.*

