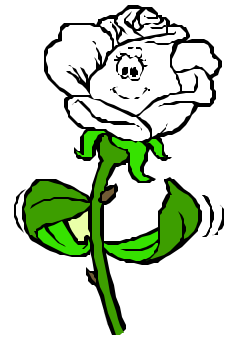


Forcing Bulbs Indoors



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Tulips are usually the first sign of spring, but did you know that with a little planning and preparation, you could have these beauties blooming indoors?

What You Need:

Planting Mix

Tulip or Daffodil Bulbs

Pot

Black Plastic Bag

What do you do?

1. Fill your pot half way with planting mix. Do NOT pack the soil down. Leave it loose.
2. Place your bulb(s) in the soil. Make sure you put the pointy end facing up and the fat end down.
3. Cover your bulb(s) with more soil. You want to leave room for water, so do not fill the pot up all the way with soil. If you do, the water will overflow when you water your bulb.
4. Now you need to water your bulbs! You want the soil to be just damp. Make sure you do not over-water and make the soil soggy.
5. Place your pot in a dark plastic bag and place the bag in a cold, dark place. A basement or refrigerator will work well for you.
6. Check your soil every two weeks. If it feels dry, add a little bit of water. Remember... we want damp soil, NOT soggy.
7. When the bulbs start in to send up shoots that are two inches high (8-10 weeks), remove the bag and place the pot in a sunny windowsill for a week to 10 days. Congratulations, your plant is growing! Only water if the soil is dry. (Remember... damp soil.) Before you know it, the shoots will turn green.
8. When the shoots are four inches high, move the pot to a warm, bright spot.
9. In about two to three weeks, your flowers should be blooming!
10. Turn the pot every three days so each side gets the same amount of light. Keep your plant away from drafts, fireplaces or heaters.

**** These forced bulbs make great gifts!**

Decorate your pot with ribbon, bead, fabric or paint share your plant with someone you love!

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