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### How to Plant Bulbs Outside:

Follow the directions on the packages to plant at the correct depth. A good rule of thumb is to plant the bulb about three times deeper than the widest part of the bulb. Dig a hole for each bulb, either with a trowel or a bulb planter. Add a handful of bulb fertilizer or bone meal to each hole. Place the bulb with the pointed end up in the bottom of the hole and cover with soil. Water lightly and again occasionally during the winter months if there is no rain or snow. They'll be great in the spring.

### Forcing Bulbs Inside:

Forcing is when you trick bulbs into thinking it is spring way before it really is!

There are three steps needed to force bulbs successfully.

#### 1. Planting:

Plant the bulb(s) in a pot with a drainage hole. Bulbs can be planted close together. Simple plastic pots can be inserted into decorative baskets or containers. Use a pot deep enough to hold two inches of good potting soil and enough soil to cover the bulbs. After placing the bulbs, fill pot loosely with soil almost to the top. Water the bulbs immediately after planting. Label the containers with the bulb name, date planted, and the approximate date to take out of cold storage, which is the next step



#### 2. Cold Storage

Bulbs need a period of dark, cold storage to simulate being in the ground. A cold frame, an unheated garage or a refrigerator will work. If you use a cold frame, mulch over the containers so they remain in the dark. In the garage or the refrigerator, cover the pots loosely with foil to block out all light. The temperature should be about 40-45 degrees. Check bulbs often and water when dry. They should remain in storage for at least 10 weeks, or until growth is visible and roots are emerging from drain holes.

#### 3. Warm up and Bloom:

Once top growth is visible, bring them out of cold storage. The growth will be pale, but will green up after being exposed to light. Most bulbs will start to bloom within 2-3 weeks. Put them in

Tip: You can have indoor blooming bulbs all winter long by putting new bulbs into cold storage when the first ones are ready to come out.

bright, indirect light and keep soil moist. Place pots in decorative containers using moss to cover the soil and spaces between pots. Enjoy their beauty!