



Muscario: 'Grape Hyacinth' is an early bloomer. Full or partial sun.

Puschkinia: Little known, under used. A lovely flower for the earliest spring garden. Delicate fragrance.

Saffron Crocus: Fall flowering. Large flowers produce saffron threads for flavoring. Sun.

Scilla: Long living bulbs. Full or partial sun.

Tulip: For best effect, plant in groups of five. Full or partial sun.

Waterlily Colchicum: Large lavender-pink flowers every fall. Sunny spot for best color. Full sun with later afternoon shade.

Planting hardy bulbs in containers for indoor blooms.

Choose a pot of the desired size for planting your bulbs. Although most sizes will work, a 6- to 8-inch pot will give your bulbs enough growing room. If the pot has no drainage hole, place a one-inch drainage layer in the bottom of the pot. Use gravel, stones or perlite. Add sufficient potting mix so the tips of the bulbs will be even with the top of the pot. Arrange the bulbs on top with the pointed ends facing up.

Cover the bulbs with more potting mix to within 1/4" of the pot lip. The tips of the bulbs should be visible. Water the bulbs and move the container to a cool area such as a shed or unheated garage, or the refrigerator. The bulbs require 13 weeks at 35–48 degrees Fahrenheit. Water as needed. In a few months, you'll begin to see signs of growth. At this

point, bring the container indoors and water regularly. Place in bright light until flowers show color (3–4 weeks). Once color is visible, move to bright indirect light. Soon you'll be rewarded with beautiful blooms.

If you're preparing a container of flowering bulbs to place on your deck or patio, keep the container in a garage or a basement where the temperature stays around 35–40 degrees Fahrenheit. A cold frame can also be used. If kept outside, the bulbs will be subjected to a damaging freeze/thaw cycle. In March you can safely place your container of bulbs in their outdoor location and enjoy the emerging spring color.

Planting Paperwhites and other non-hardy Narcissus

These bulbs can be planted in soil the same way as the hardy bulbs. They can also be planted in a container without drainage holes. put 1–2" of washed stone in the bottom of the pot. Place the bulbs on the stone and add additional stone to within 1/4" of the tops of the bulbs. Keep the water level at the base of the bulbs. Keep in a cool dark place for 2 weeks (50–60 degrees Fahrenheit), then bring them into low light. Keep cool. When leaves develop, move to a cool, sunny window. The best temperature is 70–75 degrees during the day and 60–65 degrees Fahrenheit at night. Too high temperature will cause the leaves to grow too tall and may reduce flowering. Move to bright indirect light when flower color is visible.

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