

Tips on Indoor Planting for Paperwhites, Amaryllis, and Hyacinth Bulbs

Paperwhites

Paperwhites may be planted in either soil or stones. Place the bulbs about 1" apart and cover 2/3 of the bulb with stones or completely with soil. Water and place them in a light, cool place until the foliage stands 3-4" high. Then, place them in a sunny location at room temperature and keep them well watered. They will bloom in 4-6 weeks from September through February!

Amaryllis

Amaryllis may be planted indoors from October through April and should bloom within six to twelve weeks. With one bulb per 6" pot, amaryllis should be planted in potting soil in a pot with a drainage hole. The soil should cover $\frac{3}{4}$ of the bulb with $\frac{1}{4}$ of the bulb and the whole stalk exposed above the soil. Press the soil firmly around the bulb to prevent the plant from toppling over when in bloom. Water lightly and place in direct sunlight at room temperature. As the bud begins to flower, gradually increase the amount of water. You will likely be rewarded with multiple stalks of huge flowers! To hold amaryllis from year to year, "dead head" the flowers after they have bloomed. Allow the stalks to die back naturally and permit the foliage to continue growing. Stop watering the plant in mid-July. In mid-October, cut back the dead foliage and give the plant a drink to begin the process again.