



PLANTING BULBS

Step 1 – Plant spring- and summer-flowering bulbs from September to December. Crocus, tulips, alliums, lilies and grape hyacinths are all good choices.



Step 2 – Mix together 1 part grit with 3 parts compost.



Step 3 – Choose a container with good drainage.



Step 4 – Part-fill the container with the compost-grit mix.



Step 5 – Arrange the bulbs on the surface of the compost. The pointy end should be facing up.

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Step 6 – Bulbs should be arranged with a minimum of one bulb's width between them.

Step 7 – Cover bulbs with three times their depth in compost.



Step 8 – Firm down the soil to remove air pockets.

Step 9 – Water well.

YOU WILL NEED:

Materials:

- € Spring or summer flowering bulbs
- € Compost
- € Horticultural grit
- € Container

Tools:

- € Trowel
- € Watering can

FOLLOW ON ACTIVITY:

For immediate colour, plant spring and summer flowering bulbs underneath some winter bedding plants (pansies, violas or wallflowers). The bulbs will grow up between the winter bedding in the spring. A particularly stunning combination is wallflowers and tulips, which will flower simultaneously.

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