

## How to Force Bulbs to Bloom Out of Season



Hello friends, there are two methods to try.

### Using the Stones Method



Fill a shallow or tall vessel (3-4 inches deep) with small, loose stones (you can find them at any craft shop). Place the paperwhites bulbs on top and gently press them into the stones. Add just enough water to cover the bottom of the bulbs.

### Using the Water Method



Place the bulb in the top of the jar make sure your bulb will be protruding from the top of the vessel about a quarter of the way with the remaining part of the bulb inside the jar. Fill with water until three-quarters of the way full don't fully cover the bulb.

### Both Methods Require

Sunlight and turning  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the way around every day until they start to bloom. Keep the water level consistent. I put mine on the kitchen windowsill where I have plenty of sunlight for half of the day.

### Suggested bulbs to force:

Paperwhites, Tulips, Hyacinth, Amaryllis, Crocus, and Daffodils are also great for force bulb planting.

### Please Note

Once you have forced a bulb you can't force it again. But you can plant bulbs in the garden. If you plan to replant the forced bulbs outdoors, sprinkle a small amount of bulb boosting fertilizer on top of the soil, because previously forced bulbs won't flower again without your help.

Please let me know about your forced bulb planting experience.

Fondly, *Katherine*