

How to Force Paperwhites

* Fragrant flowers bloom within about 3 weeks of planting, for almost instant gratification

1.

Select a container that is about 3-4 in. deep and that has no drainage holes.

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Spread an inch or 2 of stones, or gravel, along the bottom of the container.

3,

Position your Paperwhite bulbs, pointed end up, on top of the stones. Squeeze them in - the tight fit will keep them from toppling over.

4.

Add another layer of stones to fill in any gaps and cover the bulbs up to their shoulder. The pointed tips should still be showing.

5.

Add water so that the level just reaches the base of the bulbs. Allowing the bottom of the bulb to sit in water will stimulate growth.



Keep in cool area (65°) and check water daily. When roots develop, move to a sunny window. Once in bloom, flowers will last longer if moved out of direct sunlight.



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