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Bulb Planting in Containers

Layered Bulb Planter

1. Select a 12-14" plastic or ceramic pot. This size works best for a great spring display.
2. Fill your pot with a nice rich potting soil to about 7" from the top of the pot.
3. Add a light dusting of Bonemeal and Bulb dust. The bonemeal helps develop a good root base. The bulb dust will help deter insects from destroying them.
4. Choose tulips and daffodils (narcissus) that grow no more than 16" in height
5. On your first layer tulips work best. Choose about 10-12 bulbs and place them 1" from the edge of the pot, pointed end up and flat side facing the outside of the pot. Place them evenly around.
6. Cover the tulips with 1" of soil.
7. Dust again with the bonemeal and bulb dust.
8. The next layer that works best is Narcissus (daffodils). Choose a daffodil that blooms in or around the same time as the tulips. If they bloom too far apart it can look messy as one is dying off. Use about 9 bulbs.
9. Cover with 1" of soil. Dust also again with bulb dust and bonemeal
10. For the final layer choose a smaller type of bulb that will help fill in around the tulips and daffodils. Such as crocus, snowdrops, chionodoxa (Glory of the Snow)
11. Fill in the last layer with more soil.
12. Pansies, Violas, Kale and even a nice ornamental grass can be planted on the top. If you don't want to plant any flowers on the top cover with some bark mulch, bark nuggets or even some polished rock to protect from too much moisture. Place under a tree or close to your house (like under an eave) Once growth starts to show place where it will be most enjoyed and feed with Bulb Food.

Solid masses of one type of bulb such as parrot tulips, hyacinths or fragrant narcissus are also beautiful in containers on their own.

To add a nice touch to your container of bulbs you can also sprinkle some Forget-me-Not seeds over the top of the soil. This looks particularly nice with a white tulip or blue hyacinth display.