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Cold weather calls for layers. And so does a bountiful container.

LAYERING BULBS

- Add a layer of soil to the bottom of your pot.
- The first layer of bulbs to plant will be those that flower last and grow tallest—such as tulips.
- Once these are in place, add roughly 1 ¼ inches (3 cm) of soil.
- Next, add bulbs that flower earlier, such as daffodils.
- Add another layer of soil on top.
- Plant smaller bulbs, such as crocus, dwarf iris and/or grape hyacinth as your last layer. Keep them around the outer edges since they will not grow as tall as the tulips and daffodils.
- Add a final layer of soil on top.
- Water well.

Layering is also great for your garden.

With your bulbs in the ground, some spring-themed flicks will get you through the winter months.



Our Top 10 Spring Movies:

1. Eat. Pray. Love
2. The Descendants
3. Rain Man
4. The Secret Garden
5. A Good Year
6. Dirty Dancing
7. The Notebook
8. The Wedding Date
9. Notting Hill
10. The Time Travelers Wife

Show your true colors this spring with these fresh, new shades!



Plan ahead and stay on top of the latest trends by incorporating these colorful hues into your life come Spring 2013. Your wardrobe is not the only place to make a statement: why not extend color and style to your garden too? Flowering bulbs offer the perfect opportunity to brighten up your surroundings. Plant bulbs this fall that will bloom in these popular hues in the spring months. And spice up your home with colorful containers or accents. Want to have the most fashionable garden this spring? Follow the recommendations above and you'll pass with flying colors.



This fall, think spring.

Fall is a season of change.

Fall is a season of change. The leaves change. And as the days get shorter, the weather changes too. But if it's lush, springtime blossoms you crave, fall is also a time to change your garden. Plant flowering bulbs now for beautiful blossoms when winter turns to spring. Whether you're planting in your garden or in pots, it's as simple as Dig.Drop.Done.

With your bulbs in the ground, why not get some soup on the stove?

THE BEST TOMATO BISQUE EVER

Ingredients:

1 medium onion, diced
1/4 stick butter
1 28 oz. can of petite diced tomatoes
1 14.5 oz. can of fire-roasted tomatoes (love the spiciness this adds)
2 tbsp. chicken base
46 oz. of bottled tomato juice (use Campbell's 100% tomato juice, which comes in a 64 oz. bottle — just don't use it all)
3 tbsp. sugar (to taste)
1/2 c sherry
1 cup heavy cream
1/4 cup fresh chopped basil (dried basil will also do)
Lots of freshly ground black pepper



Directions:

Saute the diced onions in butter until translucent — about 7 minutes. Then, add both cans of tomatoes, the tomato juice, chicken base, sugar (taste as you go — usually about 3 tbsp.) and sherry. Let it simmer together for about 10 minutes, then give it a buzz with an immersion blender to break up the fire-roasted tomatoes a little bit. Add in the heavy cream (sometimes we use half & half; not as rich and not quite as tasty), basil and lots of freshly-ground pepper, simmer for a couple minutes longer, taste for seasoning and ENJOY.

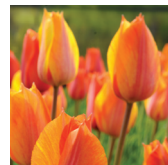
Spring Flowering Bulbs

Planting period: Fall

Flowering period: Spring



Galanthus
(Snow drop)



Tulipa
(Tulip)



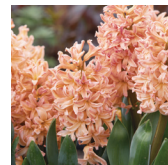
Narcissus
(Daffodil)



Allium



Crocus



Hyacinthus
(Hyacinth)



Scilla



Muscari
(Grape Hyacinth)



Anemone blanda

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How to Plant

Planting flowering bulbs couldn't be more simple. In fact, it hardly deserves more explanation than Dig.Drop.Done. Just be sure to reference your package for directions that are specific to the bulbs you have chosen. It will tell you how deep to plant and sunlight requirements.



A good rule of thumb is to dig 3x the height of your bulb. This is true whether you're planting in pots or out in the garden. Make sure to plant in an area with good drainage, and if you are using a pot be sure it has a drainage hole.



Place your bulbs in the soil, pointy side up. Cover with soil then give them a good dose of water for a head start.



It's been said that waiting is the hardest part. (And the cold winter months before your bulbs bloom don't make things any easier.) Consider passing the time with our recipe for delicious tomato bisque soup. Or, pop in a movie to help boost your spring spirit.

There isn't a fourth step to Dig.Drop.Done. But a little love never hurts.

TIPS FOR BEAUTIFUL BLOSSOMS

- Mother Nature won't need much help when it comes to keeping your bulbs hydrated. But if the weather won't cooperate, give your bulbs an occasional drink.
- If you plant in pots, make sure your container has drainage holes in the bottom and cover the holes with a layer of large pebbles to keep them from clogging.
- If you are expecting a hard freeze and have planted in pots, wrap your containers with bubble wrap or place them in a cool, frost-free place (such as a garage).
- The spacing of the bulbs depends largely on the effect you are trying to achieve. For best results plant in large groups rather than single rows.
- Freezing temperatures can crack terra cotta pots and ornamental planters. By first planting bulbs in plastic pots then placing the plastic pot inside the earthen one, you'll create a natural insulation between the two.

