

Paperwhites Narcissus



Patty's Plants

There are over 100 distinct varieties of narcissus found in various parts of the world. Some are from the Canary Islands and grow in the volcanic rocks. They are also called "The Sacred Lily" in China.

Paperwhites are delicate looking and add charm to your home during the holidays. They take less than 4 weeks to bloom once they're planted. Paperwhites are a great growing project for children too, because they are the easiest bulb to grow into a fragrant white or even yellow flower. Children can watch them growing daily, they are that fast.

Now, the scent can be overpowering at times. You will either love it or hate it. I, myself am not particularly fond of the fragrance. They are fun to grow though. If you think you can't grow anything at all, well you are wrong. These you can grow! Paperwhites do not need to be forced. Here's how you'll grow them:

*Find a shallow container. Any kind that doesn't have drainage. Yes, this is one time you don't need a drainage hole in the pot. It can be decorative or you can even decorate an empty tuna can.

*You will need either: marbles, pea gravel, or any kind of decorative rock. You don't even need soil. Put your choice in the bottom of the container first, then lightly press the bulbs into it. Make sure the pointy part of the bulb is facing up. Then fill more of your medium around the bulbs just to hold the bulb firmly in place. The tip of the bulb should be peeking out a little.

*Water to the base of the bulbs. Do not let the water level get lower than this until the roots start growing. How do you know? You'll see new growth coming out of the bulb.

*Place in a bright filtered window and watch it grow.

Note: You can put as many bulbs as will fit in your container.

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