REEMS CREEK NURSERY

Forcing Paperwhites

Narcissus papyraceus

A Garden Guide



- Choose healthy blemish-free bulbs.
- Fill an attractive leak-proof container 2/3 full of potting soil or glass stones or aquarium gravel. If you have a vessel designed for forcing bulbs, you can just force directly in water.
- Nestle bulbs with bottom ⅔ in soil or gravel with pointed side up, leaving top ⅓ exposed. Bulbs can almost touch each other.
- Add water so it barely touches the bottom of bulbs.
- Top with a thin layer of gravel / pretty rocks / dyed moss to secure bulbs.
- Place the pot in a cool area (50-60F) for about two weeks.
- Then move the pot in a warmer, sunnier location and water as needed - to the bottom of the bulb only.
- You will have fragrant **blooms in about 4-6 weeks**.
- Plant every 2 weeks, now through early spring, for continuous fragrant blooms.



Hints:

- You can use tall glass vases, canning jars, even crystal bowls. They make wonderful centerpieces.
- Elegant solution to paperwhite droop – use thin curvy branches among the greenery for support, or gently rein in leaves with a raffia bow.
- Plant in basket. Line basket well with plastic. Place a plastic saucer in the bottom for added protection. Plant bulbs in a pot nestled in a saucer. Add soil to the area between pot and basket edge and plant with ivy or annuals.

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