

How to

Plant a 'Bulb Lasagne'

A Dutch term coined to explain how to do a layered planting using bulbs to help give a longer display of spring bulbs.

The trick is to have a variety of bulbs which will flower from early March up to late May, giving you a lovely season of spring flowers.

You will need

- *Three different varieties of spring bulbs - check their flowering dates to ensure a wide flowering season.
- *Peat free compost
- *Suitably sized bulb container with drainage holes
- *Crock or similar for drainage
- *Optional - Moss or horticultural Grit and chicken wire.
- *Optional - winter flowering violas, pansies or cyclamen.



Line the base of the pot with a layer of crock to aid drainage and to prevent compost loss through the drainage holes.

Add your first layer of compost

Plant the largest bulbs at **THREE TIMES THE DEPTH OF THE SIZE OF THE BULB**, so start with the largest bulb.

Place the bulb pointy end up and the base plate (where the roots will emerge from) down.

Cover with potting compost.

Continue layering the bulbs finishing with the smallest bulbs on the top layer.

Lightly firm the final layer of compost and (optional) cover with a layer of moss or grit.

Alternatively plant up the final layer with winter bedding plants for additional colour and interest.

Water lightly, place somewhere sunny and wait till spring!

If you know your garden is prone to squirrel 'gardening help' - a layer of chicken wire beneath the moss or grit will certainly stop them digging in your pots.

Bulbs only need to be watered once upon planting and then more regularly when actively flowering. Over winter, make sure the compost is moist to touch and doesn't dry out.

Suggestions for Bulbs to plant

Hyacinths, Tulips, Alliums, Daffodils, Crocus, Muscari

Suggestions for winter bedding

Winter flowering pansies, violas, cyclamen, heather, ivy, heuchera or cineraria to really boost the impact.

