

Hyacinth Competition

You may wish to wear gloves as hyacinth bulbs can cause skin irritation.

Do not plant bulb before the end of November.

Hints & Tips

Compost – garden soil, or a soil-based or soil-less compost provided it is moisture retentive but free-draining.

Plant bulb in the pot so that between half and two-thirds of the bulb is ABOVE the level of the compost. This is to allow maximum space for the roots to grow. Water well. If possible put a layer of sand over the top.

Plant bulb in its pot in a hole in the garden. This should be deep enough to allow the top of the bulb to be 8 cm below the surface and cover with soil. Highlight the spot with a marker! The sand layer will help you to find the container when you dig it up. Keep watered if we have a dry winter.

Leave until about mid February and then dig the pot up. There should be a nice plump yellow tip growing from the tip of the bulb. Find a well protected spot in the garden to grow your bulb on, until the top is green.

The Tricky Bit!

Bring inside about a month before the Spring Show. Keep well watered and place a saucer under the pot, as water will drain through. You will have to judge how to get the bulb to flower at the right time. Give it more heat and sun to push the bloom on, or cool conditions to hold it back [even put it outside again]. For example, if the leaves develop faster than the flower bud, move to a cooler place and cover again to keep them in dark for a day or two, but no longer as the leaves may begin to turn pale.

Stake the bloom with a single cane and a tie if the bloom gets too tall. Don't delay staking. Cover compost with moss or gravel to give a better presentation.

RULES OF COMPETITION

Bulb must be those provided by the Club. Container to be supplied by entrant – not bigger than 12 cm diameter.

Entries must be brought to the Spring Show on 21 March 2026.

One entry per member. Label your pot with your name.

Good luck!