

Tulip

(Tulipa hybrids)

Bought in bloom or as a bulb to be forced, tulip makes a stunning midwinter display.

Light

Place in dark while chilling, medium light during early growth, and high light during bloom and subsequent growth.

Water

Keep barely moist during chilling. Water more in early growth. Keep evenly moist during bud and flower, and until foliage dies back.

Temperature

Keep at 50 degrees while chilling. Raise to low 60s during bud and bloom. Keep below 50 degrees till planting outside.

Comments

Place bulbs close together in pot; don't allow them to touch each other or pot sides. Cover with soil; moisten. Set in dark at 50 degrees until growth is four inches high (usually in 10 to 12 weeks). Bring into warmth and medium light. When buds form, place in high light. After bloom, water and feed until foliage dies down. Clean bulbs and store in cool spot. Plant outside in spring.