CROCUS AT-A-GLANCE

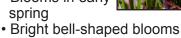
ABOUT

 Treated as an perennial in zones 3-8; annual

elsewhere

 Plant as a corms in the fall

 Blooms in early spring



STATS

- Member of Iris family
- Most grow up to 6" tall & 1-3" wide
- Bloom colors include purple, white, yellow, orange, pink, and blue
- Over 80 varieties available

REQUIREMENTS

- Grow in zones 3-8
- Require full sun
- Neutral soil pH of 6.0-7.0
- Very well-draining soil
- · Soil temperatures need to be above 60° F
- Requires 12-15 weeks with temperatures below 35-45° F
- Can be planted indoors in warmer locations; Store in a dark and cool place that is 35-45° F for at least 13 weeks before planting outdoors

PLANTING CORMS

- Plant outdoors in fall about 6-8. weeks before first freeze in cold locations
- · Dig hole that is at least 3 times deeper than the height of corm
- Add a few inches of compost
- · Plant corm with pointy end up Space corms 3" apart on all sides
- Cover with a 50/50 mix of compost and soil
- Lightly tamp down and water
- · Corms go dormant over winter and shoots will emerge in early spring

MAINTENANCE

- Only water when soil 3" below is dry in the spring.
- · Water at soil level, not overhead
- Fertilize lightly with 5-10-5 or 10-10-10 fertilizer
- · Can prune dead blooms but leave on foliage
- · Once foliage turns brown, can then remove

ISSUES

MISC

- Rodents & squirrels like eating fall-planted bulbs
- Gray mold and bulb rot



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· Blooms will return as long as winters stay below 50° F