

HYACINTH AT-A-GLANCE

ABOUT

- Treated as an perennial in zones 3-9; annual elsewhere
- Plant as a bulb in the fall
- Blooms in early spring
- Produces one stalk with multiple, tiny star-shaped flowers that run along the stem



STATS

- Cream, orange, purple, yellow, red, salmon, and blue blooms
- Over 60 varieties available
- Heights range from 4-12" tall
- Wear gloves when planting bulbs

REQUIREMENTS

- Growing Zones 3-9
- Prefers full sun or partial shade
- Can be planted in any soil type as long as it is well draining
- Requires 12-14 weeks with temperatures below 40-45° 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 BULBS

- Plant outdoors in fall about 6 weeks before first freeze in cold locations
- Dig hole 6" deep. Add couple inches compost
- Plant bulb with pointy end up
- Space bulbs 3" apart on all sides
- Cover with a 50/50 mix of compost and soil
- Lightly tamp down and water
- Bulbs go dormant over winter and shoots will emerge in early spring

MAINTENANCE

- Only water when soil 3" below is dry.
- 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

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

MISC

- Blooms will return every 2-4 years as long as winters stay below 50° F



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