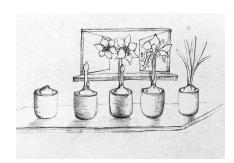
## **Amaryllis Bulb Care**

## One of a Kind Bloomer Indoors during Winter!

Amaryllis are one of the easiest flowering bulbs to bring to bloom. These beauties will surprise you with huge colorful blooms indoors during the grey days of Winter. Amaryllis will usually flower 7-10 weeks after planting.

**Planting:** Amaryllis bulbs can be grown in soil or in stones.

When growing in soil.... use potting soil and allow the top quarter of the bulb sit



above the soil line. Water thoroughly and place in a warm sunny location. Once you see green growth from the bulb, begin watering your potted Amaryllis every time the soil gets dry (usually about once a week).

When growing in stones... use decorative stones and allow the top quarter of the bulb sit above the stone line. Make sure your vase or container has no drainage holes, then fill with water only to the

root of your bulb. Do not allow the bulb to sit in water.

**Light:** Bright direct light when Amaryllis bulb is emerging and growing, moderate to bright light when in bloom.

**Temperature:** Place your potted bulb in a warm location (75-85°F) with some direct light. Heat is important for the development of the stems!

**Water:** Water sparingly until the stem appears, then increase watering as the bud and leaves appear.

Pinch: Pinch off spent blossom when they turn brown.

**After-Bloom Care:** When the flowers are done, cut the spent flower stalks back near the base. Let the foliage grow for a couple months and keep watering/fertilizing.

Re-forcing your Amaryllis Bulb... After a couple months, stop watering your bulb and move your Amaryllis to a cool, dark place (40-45°F). Allow the bulb to rest 8-10 weeks. After resting, bring your Amaryllis back out to start a new season. Clean off any old foliage or loose brown bulb layers. Place in a warm, sunny location and begin watering and fertilizing. Expect blooms in another 7-10 weeks!

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