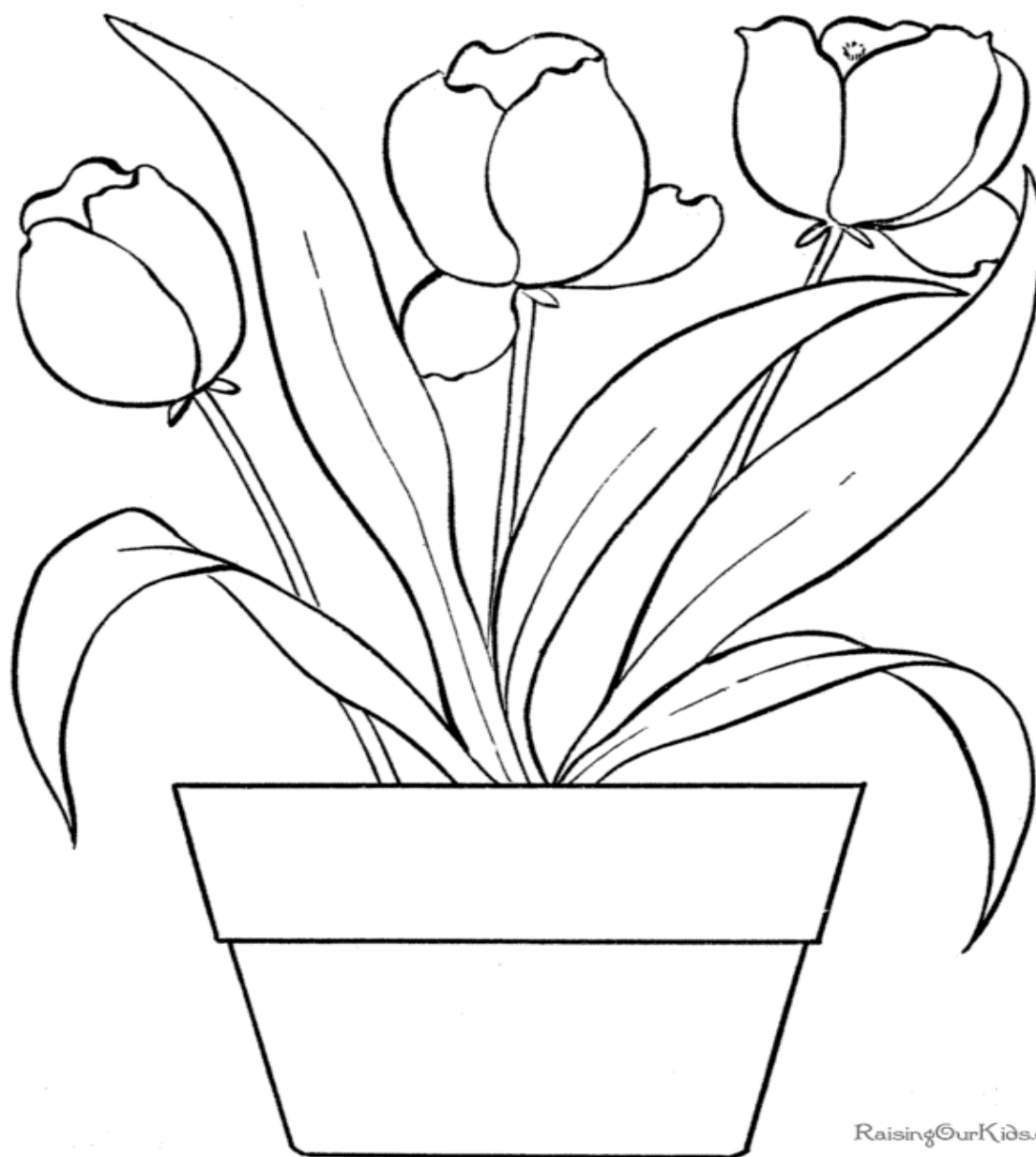


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Bulbs in Bloom 2016!

The Annual Community Project To Brighten Up Catford South



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Thank you for picking up your free bag of Spring bulbs!

This community project is funded by Catford South Ward Assembly, its purpose is to brighten up our streets! So plant your bulbs where everyone can see them- in your front garden, a window box or a balcony! Happy planting!



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How to Plant Your Catford Bulbs!

Growing Bulbs in Pots and Containers

You don't need a garden to have glorious spring flowers next year.
Bulbs will bloom happily in a container on a balcony or in a window box.

Choose your container and you can be creative!

You can plant your bulbs in a regular plant pot or choose something *more unusual* such as a bucket, welly boot or old suitcase!

You can even make drainage holes (safely!) if necessary. Adequate drainage will mean your bulbs won't spend a miserable winter sitting in soggy compost.

Layering Your Bulbs

This planting method means months of colour from one pot!

Place a layer of gravel or broken crockery at the bottom of your container, this will help excess water drain out. Next, fill your pot a third full with multi-purpose compost. Arrange a layer of Tulips, nicely spaced out, with their pointy ends facing upwards.



Cover the tulips with more compost, filling your container to the half way point. Add your Daffodils to this middle layer.

Now pour on another layer of compost, completely covering your daffodils.

Take a good handful of the smallest bulbs and arrange them on this top layer.

Crocus bulbs will flower best at this shallow depth.

Identifying The Bulbs In Your Bag



Crocus Bulbs
small and brown



Daffodil Bulbs
large and dark brown



Tulip Bulbs
shiny and brown

Now fill the pot to the top with compost. Finally, stand it in a corner *and then* give the pot a good watering.

Your pot of bulbs can now cope with the cold and wet of winter- ready to give you a **BIG** display in the spring!



BULB PLANTING TIP

Dig deep holes! Your holes should be least 3 times the height of the bulbs.

Watch out for squirrels! They may eat your bulbs if you haven't planted them deeply enough!

You can protect your bulbs with chicken wire or bubble wrap. Remove any coverings once the shoots appear.

Planting Bulbs in Lawns

Daffodils and crocuses grown in grass will spread and increase in the coming years.

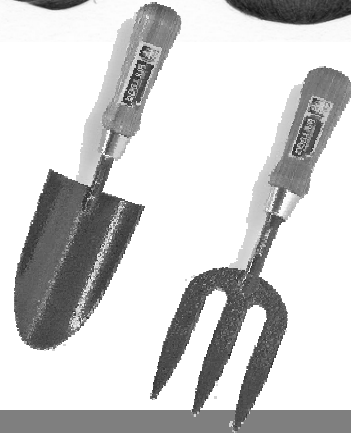
- Grass grows slowly at the start of the year and mowing doesn't usually start until after the bulb leaves have begun turning yellow and brown.

- Gently scatter crocus and daffodil bulbs onto the part of the lawn where you want the flowers perhaps near some trees.

- Use a trowel to plant the bulbs where they landed- the flower display will look more natural than if you planted them in rows



Karla Beatty



GROUP DISPLAYS: Use a spade to lift a flap of turf, group the bulbs, and then lay the turf back in place.

Growing Bulbs in Flower Beds

Planting your bulbs in an existing border will help to fill in gaps, providing lots of colour early in the year before the main garden wakes up.

Dig your hole- it needs to be nice and deep to prevent the plant from being blown over later in the spring winds. Plant your bulbs at least 3 times as deep as the height of the bulb.

Cover with soil and mark the site with a stick or stone, to avoid accidentally digging them up.

BULB PLANTING TIP

Plant your bulbs between now and November. Bulbs should be planted pointy end upwards

Caring For Your Bulbs After Flowering

When flowering finishes, take no action until the leaves turn yellow! Please don't cut or fold the leaves so any energy left in the leaves has a chance for to return to the bulb ready for next year's flowers.

You have a choice once the leaves die back...

1. Leave your bulbs in the ground

If you give your bulbs a little extra attention after flowering and they will look after themselves all through the summer.

Feed the bulbs:

- Sprinkle on a handful of gromore granules or bonemeal and your bulbs will flower for you again in 2016!

- Gromore and bonemeal are available from pound shops.

2. Lift and store your bulbs

You can lift the bulbs, shake off the soil and store them in a dry shed wrapped in news paper or in a paper bag. **NOTE: Don't use a plastic bag or your bulbs will rot!**

Then next autumn you can re-plant your bulbs.

BULB PLANTING TIP

Bulbs look best in groups; plant them at building entrances, in front gardens and along paths.

Share Your Bulb Photos!

Upload photos of your bulb planting and flowers to our Facebook and Twitter: @LoveCatford #LoveCatford

ABOUT YOUR BULBS

This bulbs collection in your bag have been specially selected for their colour, form and long-flowering habits. We hope you enjoy them!



Crocus. Bloom time - February.

Large-flowered varieties, a mix of white, gold and purple.



Daffodils. Bloom time - March.

A glorious mix of big golden-flowered daffodils, plus gently nodding miniature varieties. We've also included a real star, a cheery multi-headed beauty.



Tulips: Bloom time - April / May.

This is a bold and contemporary colour mix of purple and bright orange varieties. These tulips are tall, glamorous and graceful.

PHOTOS: Catford's Bulbs in Bloom, Spring 2015



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Crantock Road

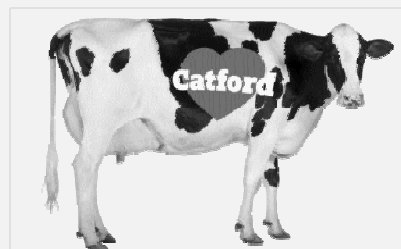
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