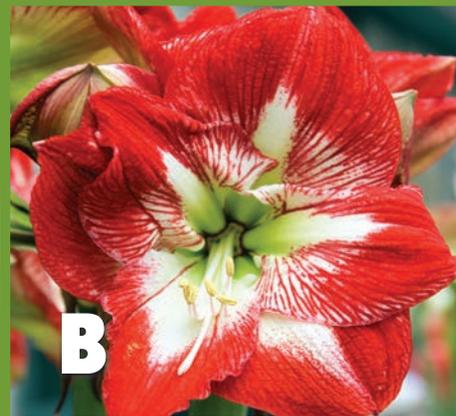


Winter Cheer Amaryllis Kits



- A. Hippeastrum (Amaryllis) 'White'
- B. Hippeastrum (Amaryllis) 'Red-White'
- C. Hippeastrum (Amaryllis) 'Red'

Planting Guide

How: Before planting moisten the soil thoroughly. Place the bulb in the pot and fill with soil until just the top one-third of the bulb is left exposed. Firm gently. Water thoroughly with lukewarm water. Do not water the bulb directly.

In the beginning your Amaryllis needs very little water, just enough to keep the soil moist. When the bulb starts growing, you will find that more water is needed and when the flowerbuds open, your Amaryllis may require water daily. Amaryllis prefer direct sun but will also grow in indirect sunlight. Because the stalks will grow towards the direction of the light, the pot needs to be turned regularly, but carefully. The Amaryllis should be kept in a warm room about 21° C (70° F) and preferably not below a temperature of 12° C (55° F), a cooler temperature will extend the blooming period.

Care After Blooming: Cut the flower stalk back to about 5 cm (2") above the bulb. Do not cut any of the foliage back as the leaves are producing food for the bulbs. Water very modestly and feed monthly with a suitable fertilizer (follow the manufacturer's instructions for rates and method of application). In the summer, the foliage will begin to wither. At this point, stop watering and store the bulbs in a cool, but dry and well ventilated place. This rest period is essential to future blooming. After the rest period, the bulb can be started again. Take the bulb out of the pot and remove any bulblets to be potted up separately. Cut off the dried leaves, clean the roots carefully and repot the bulb, using fresh soil.

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Store in a cool, dry frost-free place until planting! All bulbs must be planted FALL to enjoy WINTER blooms.