

## Making My Mixed Bulb Container

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I chose a deep lightweight container to get all the layers in. If I had used a terracotta pot it would have been very heavy to move. I used half John Innes No 3 compost and half grit. Starting from the bottom of the pot I planted the following in early October:

- 6 *Narcissus* 'Segovia' 4"
- 6 *Narcissus* 'Pipit' 10"
- 6 *Narcissus* 'Kedron' 10"
- 6 *Tulipa hageri* 8"
- 6 *Tulipa* 'Honky Tonk' 8"
- 6 *Tulipa* 'Dream Touch' (double) 18"
- 12 Dutch Crocus
- 3 Hyacinths
- 11 *Anemone blanda*
- 10 *Iris* 'Harmony'

I put Sinclair bedding compost on the top layer and planted a pack of 'Honeybee' violas. Finally, I squeezed in Snowdrops and *Crocus tommasinianus* from my garden in between the violas. The above is only my choice, but whatever you choose make sure they are short.

The violas flowered continuously throughout the winter getting gradually taller with the bulb foliage. Once the violas were spent, I tidied the pot of dying foliage to let the bulbs rest for a while. I will buy some more violas in September and plant them in early October and see what the display is like next year.

Another time I would only choose very short narcissus (say 4-6") but generally I was very pleased with the result.