

Indoor Helleborus niger 'Jacob' (Christmas Rose)



In bloom

On arrival - in tight bud

Your Christmas Rose makes a perfect houseplant. Provide bright, indirect light and a consistently cool temperature. Avoid radiators and draughts. Water carefully, avoiding the blooms, and always allow the compost to dry out before watering again.

After flowering, plant your hellebore in a shady spot in the garden in deep, well-drained, moist soil. Prepare the planting hole, remove carefully from the pot, then plant firmly but avoid damaging the roots. Each spring apply a thick layer of mulch around the plant. Hellebores can be slow to establish in the border and may take two seasons until they bloom again. Also, plants do not like to be moved. The leaves and flowers can sometimes be attacked by Black Spot, a disease that causes black marks. Badly affected leaves and flowers should be cut off and disposed of and the plant sprayed with a fungicide. **'Pink Frost'** produces single flowers in soft pink.

Outdoor Hellebore 'Snow Frills' and 'Pink Frost'

Your mature hellebore needs to be placed outdoors on receipt but can be kept in its pot until you are able to plant it into the garden. It will flower from late February and throughout March.

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Flowers from late February-March. Height 50-80cm (20-32").

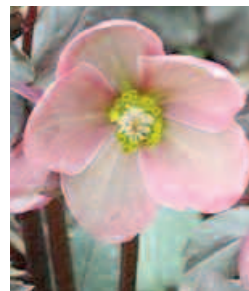
'Snow Frills' is a brand new variety with exquisite double blooms that start off apple green then fade to yellow before turning pure white.



*On arrival
(basket not included)*



'Snow Frills'



'Pink Frost'

Care Instructions for Living Gifts

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The top line of your address label states the item you have received. If this has been sent as a gift, you may find a message from the sender on the inside of the address carrier card. Please read these instructions carefully before proceeding any further.

Your gift has been raised in a perfect growing environment. Often when plants and bulbs in leaf are contained within a dark box, even for a short period, the foliage and shoots become discoloured. If this is your experience, please be assured that this is nothing to worry about as the plants and bulbs will revert to their normal colour within a few days.

We include 'before' and 'after' images of most items to show how your gift will grow.



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We've done our best to make sure that your gift has arrived in the best possible condition. However, sometimes the postal carrier isn't as gentle with our products as we'd like, and you may find that some compost has become dislodged in transit. This won't affect the plant's performance.

We can't guarantee that all wraps, baskets and pots are watertight and therefore we recommend that you place your gift on a mat and not directly on top of furniture to safeguard against water damage, sweating and scratching. If your plant has been supplied in a silk wrap, please remove the wrap before watering to avoid leakage.

Enjoy your gift.

100% Quality Satisfaction Guarantee

We promise to supply only top quality products, securely packaged so they reach you and your gift recipient in prime condition.

* Please advise us within **14 days** of receipt if there are any quality issues with your product. We will replace the product (subject to availability) or credit the purchase price.

* Please advise us within **30 days** of receipt if your product does not show any signs of healthy growth. Provided the care instructions have been followed exactly, we will replace the product (subject to availability) or credit the purchase price.

* Please note that refunds are only payable to the original purchaser of the gift.

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Should you have any cause for complaint, please write to us at the address printed on your message card.

Amaryllis

Bulbs supplied loose should be planted as soon as possible. Plant individually into a pot or box (if supplied) using a good multi-purpose compost. Moisten the compost before planting so that it is damp but not soggy. Fill the container three-quarters full with compost and place the bulb on top. Fill around the bulb leaving the top half of the bulb exposed. The compost should end up at least 2.5cm (1") below the rim of the pot to allow for watering.

Place the pot or basket on a bright windowsill or shelf above a radiator where the temperature does not exceed 10°C (50°F). Keep below this temperature to ensure strong, stout flowering plants. Water regularly while in growth. When the flower stems start to show, give an occasional feed with weak liquid fertiliser and move to the final flowering position. When the buds form, rotate the pot a little each day to keep the stems straight. When in flower, the cooler the surroundings the longer the flowering period.

Remove spent flowers but leave the bulb in its pot on a windowsill where it will receive plenty of light during spring and summer. Water when the compost surface dries out and add liquid fertiliser once a month. In early autumn, move to a cooler location and stop watering. The leaves will turn brown and can be removed with sharp secateurs. After a few weeks of dormancy, bring into warmer conditions and commence watering. Soak the compost and let the surface start to dry before watering again. A bud should start to appear. Re-pot every two years following the instructions above, either when the plant is in full growth or just before coaxing the dormant bulb back into growth.



Supplied as a dry bulb

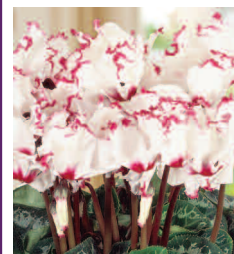


'Papillio'

Cyclamen

Your plant will have arrived with buds just poking through the foliage. Place in a position of bright, indirect light in a consistently moderate temperature and try to avoid placing near radiators and draughts. A common failure with cyclamen is that the compost is either too dry or too wet. Water from the base if possible and always allow the compost to dry out between waterings. Flaggng foliage is usually a sign of over-watering. To check if your cyclamen needs water, lift the plant. If it feels very light in its pot then it needs water. Feed with low-nitrogen liquid fertiliser every two weeks. As the flowers begin to fade, gently pull the stem from the base of the plant and remove the whole stalk from the corm. This will encourage new flowers. A few small stones in the bottom of the pot will ensure that the cyclamen does not stand in water. If your plant is supplied with a silk pot cover, please remove this before

Mini Cyclamen in a gold bar



Cyclamen 'Victoria'



Picotee Mixed



Before - all cyclamen



Narcissus 'Erlcheer'



All narcissi on arrival



Narcissus 'Tête à Tête'



Lily of the Valley

Planted Bulb Pots & Baskets

Crocus, Hyacinth, Lily of the Valley, Muscari, Narcissus and Tulip

All pre-planted bulb arrangements are supplied with the shoots just visible through the green carpet moss. In some instances, the shoots may appear slightly discoloured as a result of being contained inside a dark box during transit. Within a few days they will revert to their normal colour.

Keep your arrangement in a cool room for the first 7-10 days. Putting it the warmth straight away causes the bulbs to stretch and become 'leggy'. Should this occur you can support the plants with twigs and string. Narcissi will benefit from being placed outside and brought indoors at the flowering stage. (Please note: Narcissus 'Erlcheer' may not flower until late December.) Move the container into a warmer room once the buds start to open, approximately 2-3 weeks after receipt. Water regularly but sparingly. Flowering periods vary by variety and temperature, but generally the cooler the temperature the longer the flowering period.

After flowering do not cut the foliage. Remove the bulbs and compost as a cluster from your re-usable container and plant into the garden or pot. Dig a hole deep enough to cover a quarter of the foliage above the bulbs. Carefully replace the soil around the bulbs and foliage. Do not remove the foliage until it is quite yellow as this allows the goodness to go back into the bulbs.

NOTE: containers may vary from illustrations.



Crocus pot with bulbs sprouting - and in full bloom.



Hyacinths on arrival. Baskets and colours will vary.



Muscari bowl



Tulip basket in bloom