

The Year of the Tulip



Famous tulip fields of Holland.

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Flowers are timeless. Even so, this year's favorite flower is the ever-classic and colorful Tulip.

What makes the tulip the ideal choice for 2022?

It's cheerful, it's optimistic, and it reflects the clean, sleek lines of modern art and architecture.

The flower also has an interesting history, and spot in the 17th century flower craze of Holland tulips, when bulbs became extremely expensive. Fortunately, these days they don't break the bank.

Unfortunately, it's too late to get blooms in the garden this year, but if you'd like to add this timeless flower to your flower bed, plant this fall and expect blooms next spring. They will be elegant, they will be bold, and they will be beautiful.

When planting this fall, be sure to give them a good start. Like all flower bulbs, tulips need a cold period to develop their roots and get ready for spring.

Tulips need the sun to grow, and are sun hearty blossoms, but they can also do well in places

with dappled light.

Tulip bulbs need to be planted deep enough that they won't be affected by temperature variations above ground, either too warm or too cold.

Cultivated, loamy ground is recommended. Container gardens are not ideal for this flower.

Once your garden is growing, these beautiful blooms come back year after year. They also make stunning floral arrangements, and are perfect for centerpieces and bouquets.



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