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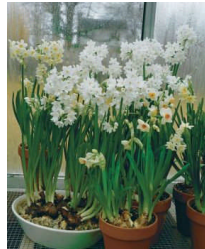
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Position paper white bulbs, pointed end up, on top of the stone layer and close together. They look better in a large group and the tight fit will help keep them from toppling over. Add another layer of stones to cover the bulbs up to their shoulders. The pointed tips will still be showing.

Add water so that the level just reaches the base of the bulbs. Covering the entire bulb with water could cause it to rot. The bulbs don't need light at this point, and prefer it on the cool side, at about 65 degrees F. Check your bulbs daily to see if they need more water.

When you see roots developing, move the container to a sunny Window, but don't let them get too warm or they'll grow leggy. Full bloom will take 3-5 weeks total.

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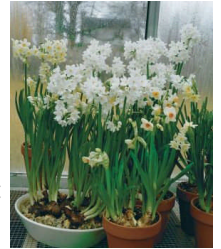
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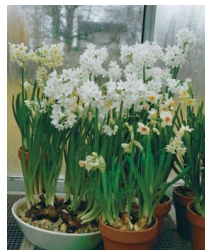
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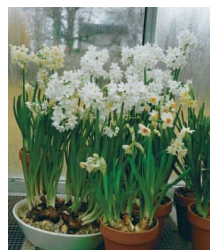
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