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Wax Amaryllis Bulb



STEP 1: GATHER MATERIALS:

- AMARYLLIS BULB
- SHARP KNIFE
- BOWL OF WATER AND TOWEL
- WAX
- SAUCEPAN OR HOTPLATE
- CLEANED OUT TIN CONTAINER
- SMALL PAINTBRUSH

STEP 2:

- SOAK BULB UNTIL FULLY HYDRATED



STEP 3:

- CUT OFF BASAL PLATE



STEP 4:

- PEEL OUTER BULB LAYER
- DRY BULB WITH TOWEL



STEP 5:

- MELT WAX IN CAN, NOT TOO HOT
- APPLY WAX TO BULB, DIP INTO WAX OR PAINT WITH BRUSH

STEP 6:

- APPLY ADDITIONAL DECOR AS DESIRED



DISPLAY AND CARE FOR BULB

- KEEP IN A WARM LOCATION AWAY FROM DIRECT SUNLIGHT

Amaryllis are tender bulbs native to tropical areas and do not require a cold period. Amaryllis are capable of water forcing which makes them good candidates for waxing. Bulb nutrient reserves are used to support plant growth and flowering.

To learn more about Amaryllis bulbs visit:

extension.illinois.edu/blogs/northwest-illinois-horticulture-corner/2019-01-10-amaryllis-care

or

extension.illinois.edu/blogs/flowers-fruits-and-frass/2018-10-29-forcing-adored-amaryllis-holiday-season



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