



Callas possess a simple, elegant grace that undeniable. Each blossom is a soft, fluid twist perched atop a strong, straight stem. The bloom's sculptural qualities belie the ease with which you can grow your own florist quality cut flowers.

CALLA LILIES

Before planting, keep bulbs at room temperature until root knobs start at the base and sprouting starts. A bit of moist peat at the base may help. Callas need warm soil to start so do not place outside till soil has warmed in spring. Choose a partially shaded location, protection from midday sun is beneficial. Soil should be humus and well drained. Plant shallow at first (cover with about 1 cm (1/2 in) soil), and then gradually add soil as the sprouts grow until the bulb is covered with 2 cm (1 in) of soil. Keep the plants moist. After the first frost in fall, dig, cut tops off close to bulb, cure like gladiolus. Winter storage temperature 8-10 C (46-50 F).

