



FLORET'S FAVORITE

# DAFFODILS & NARCISSUS

**N**arcissus, a group that includes daffodils and paperwhites, are the very first flowers to bloom on our farm in spring, and after a long rainy winter, they're a sight for sore eyes. These gems have gotten a bad rap because many people associate them with the glaring school-bus yellow, dollar-a-dozen bunches from grocery stores. But they're actually amazingly diverse: Besides varying shades of yellow, some have peach, salmon, white, and apricot blooms. Each stem might have a huge trumpet-shaped flower or many miniature ones. Some are fragrant; others could easily be mistaken for peonies or orchids.

These beauties are extremely easy to grow, they're deer-proof, and they take harsh weather in stride. They also multiply rapidly, which means that if you make a small initial investment in bulbs, you'll be rewarded with more and more blooms in the years to come. But the best thing about growing these delightful flowers is that they arrive in early spring, long before the rest of the garden wakes up. Over time, they've earned their place as one of my all-time favorite groups of flowers.

We've been growing narcissus for more than a decade, and we're always on the lookout for treasures to add to our ever-growing collection that now includes more than a hundred varieties. We regularly trial new narcissus, searching for those with unique colors and scents that are also good for cutting. I usually think we'll find a handful to add, but we often find dozens—and I'm already making plans for our next trial patch.

Spring is an ideal time to make note of varieties you see blooming and want to add to your garden for next year. Bulb companies sell out of specialty and popular varieties quickly, and if you have your shopping list ready when narcissus ordering opens up in late summer, you'll have the best chance at getting the ones you want.



#### AT-A-GLANCE SCHEDULE

**SPRING:** Harvest, and make note of varieties you see blooming and want to add for next year.

**EARLY SUMMER:** Divide bulbs every three to four years.

**MID- TO LATE SUMMER:** Order new varieties.

**AUTUMN:** Plant bulbs.





## HOW TO HARVEST

For the longest vase life, harvest blooms before they fully open. If you pick when the buds are completely colored but still slightly nodding (known as the “gooseneck” stage), you can expect a solid week of vase life. Flowers can also be picked when they’ve opened more, just keep in mind that they won’t last quite as long. Wear gloves when harvesting narcissus, as they ooze a slimy sap that can cause skin irritation.

This slimy sap can shorten the vase life of other flowers significantly if they’re combined with cut narcissus. To avoid affecting other blooms in an arrangement, you’ll need to “condition” the narcissus first. To do this, place freshly cut stems into cool water, on their own, for three to four hours; during that time, the stem ends will callus over and the sap (which will inhibit other flowers from taking up water) will stop flowing.

## VASE LIFE TRICKS

Generally, all narcissus varieties have a vase life of nearly a week if harvested before the flowers are fully open. When adding narcissus stems to arrangements, don’t recut those that you’ve conditioned because the sap will start leaking all over again. Of course, you can create an arrangement solely of narcissus, either just one variety or several, and the sap won’t be an issue.



## PLANNING CARDS

To help you visually plan your narcissus patch, we've created a set of printable planning cards on the pages ahead. The varieties shown are favorites that we've grown, photographed, and documented. Each card includes the variety name, photo, height, classification, and bloom time (early, mid, or late spring.)

These planning cards are a great way to build out color palettes for bouquets or weddings, though you can use these cards to plan however you'd like, whether that's by color, height, classification, or bloom time.

You can print these cards on your home printer, or send the file to your local print shop to print on heavier weight cardstock if you want your set to hold up better over time. For a small fee, most print shops will even cut them for you!

We hope these planning cards help you discover new varieties and plan the patch that's right for you.

Have fun planning!

*Erin*





floretflowers.com

### 'Accent'

Ivory petals surround a fragrant, melon-hued throat on this feminine garden treasure. Over time, the tips of the throats fade to salmon.

13 TO 18 INCHES • LARGE-CUPPED • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Acropolis'

Bright white petals are like tightly crumpled tissue paper and surround vivid saffron centers on strong stems. Blooms are especially fragrant.

13 TO 18 INCHES • DOUBLE • LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Actaea'

This butterfly-shaped beauty emits a scent that is off the charts. Flowers have a petite yellow center ringed in scarlet.

14 TO 16 INCHES • POETICUS • LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Apricot Whirl'

Blossoms have a triangular presentation, with deeply frilled apricot centers and ivory outer petals. It's like nothing else we've grown.

12 TO 14 INCHES • SPLIT-CORONA • EARLY



floretflowers.com

### 'Art Design'

Crinkled petals in shades of egg yolk and buttercream fill flowers' centers. This is the most ruffled, full variety we've seen.

12 TO 18 INCHES • DOUBLE • EARLY TO MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Avalanche'

Sweetly scented, miniature blooms have a sunny yellow cup. They're ideal for the front of borders as well as flower arranging.

16 TO 18 INCHES • TAZETTA • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Barrett Browning'

Creamy petals surround tangerine throats with rays of yellow radiating from the center that give flowers a glowing quality.

14 TO 16 INCHES • SMALL-CUPPED • EARLY TO MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Beautiful Eyes'

Butter-yellow petals surround petite tangerine throats, and hyacinth-scented flowers are borne in clusters of 2 to 3 per stem.

10 TO 15 INCHES • JONQUILLA • MID TO LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Bell Song'

Delicate ivory petals encircle pale apricot centers. These graceful blooms carry a slight jasmine scent.

12 TO 14 INCHES • JONQUILLA • LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Bridal Crown'

Each stalk of this intoxicatingly fragrant variety produces multiple mini double blooms. The frilly flowers are very elegant.

14 TO 16 INCHES • DOUBLE • EARLY TO MID



floretflowers.com

### 'British Gamble'

The creamy white outer petals of palm-sized flowers showcase a long, ivory trumpet with a pale peach-pink ruffled edge.

18 TO 20 INCHES • TRUMPET • EARLY TO MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Can Can Girl'

Pure white pointed outer petals surround an ultra-thick ruffled throat the color of egg yolk. Outward-facing flowers have a vanilla scent.

13 TO 18 INCHES • LARGE-CUPPED • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Candy Princess'

Large, creamy starlike outer petals surround a dense, ruffled salmon throat with featherlike quills. Flowers have a subtle fragrance.

16 TO 18 INCHES • DOUBLE • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Cha Cha'

Petite in stature, this charming bloomer has pointed ivory petals that encircle a peachy-pink throat.

8 TO 12 INCHES • CYCLAMINEUS • MID TO LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Chromacolor'

White reflexed outer petals surround a rich tangerine, deeply cupped throat. It's one of the most dramatic peach-centered varieties we grow.

14 TO 17 INCHES • LARGE-CUPPED • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Coral Light'

Overlapping white outer petals encircle soft lemon centers with tangerine edging. Centers fade as they age, giving flowers an antique quality.

18 TO 20 INCHES • LARGE-CUPPED • LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Cosmopolitan'

Soft buttercream petals surround a glowing, ruffled peach throat. Blooms are borne in sprays and have a light, clean citrusy scent.

13 TO 18 INCHES • JONQUILLA • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Cum Laude'

Framed by white petals, golden-peach centers fade to warm apricot. The heart-shaped blooms of this orchid-like variety are truly unique.

14 TO 16 INCHES • SPLIT-CORONA • EARLY





floretflowers.com

### 'Decoy'

Outer petals overlap, giving this beauty a relaxed quality evocative of meadow flowers. Vivid salmon-orange throats are crimped at the edge.

13 TO 18 INCHES • LARGE-CUPPED • MID TO LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Delnashaugh'

Light melon and ivory-tinted centers are tightly packed and surrounded by white petals. They're reminiscent of waterlilies.

16 TO 18 INCHES • DOUBLE • LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Dick Wilden'

Our favorite double yellow narcissus, this variety has star-like outer petals and ultra-ruffled centers. Flowers have a sweet, earthy fragrance.

12 TO 18 INCHES • DOUBLE • EARLY



floretflowers.com

### 'Double Pam'

This striking bloom has ivory outer petals that are interspersed with segments the color of lemon peel.

10 TO 16 INCHES • DOUBLE • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Drama Queen'

Curved ivory outer petals surround a fringed apricot disc with a glowing, greenish-yellow center. Lightly scented flowers face outward.

18 TO 20 INCHES • TRUMPET • EARLY TO MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Electrus'

Relaxed, outer snow-white petals show off guava-colored centers. Sweetly scented flowers are slightly upturned and outward-facing.

14 TO 18 INCHES • SPLIT-CORONA • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Erlicheer'

Ivory-and-buttercream flowers are borne in large, fluffy sprays that look like hydrangeas. It's the most fragrant variety we grow.

7 TO 12 INCHES • DOUBLE • EARLY



floretflowers.com

### 'Extravaganza'

Ivory outer petals have lime-green tones on the reverse. Petals reflex to show off salmon centers and white, pointed inner petals.

16 TO 18 INCHES • DOUBLE • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Falconet'

Each miniature goldenrod-yellow flower has a striking tangerine center. Blooms are long-lasting and extremely fragrant.

12 TO 14 INCHES • TAZETTA • MID TO LATE





floretflowers.com

### 'Ferris Wheel'

Each massive flower has a perfect inner ring of ruffled golden petals that are a shade darker than outer yellow ones.

14 TO 18 INCHES • LARGE-CUPPED • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Flower Drift'

Two layers of creamy outer petals with glowing tangerine centers smell like hyacinths.

12 TO 18 INCHES • DOUBLE • EARLY TO MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Flower Parade'

An outer layer of creamy white petals with hints of greenish-yellow frames bright orange inner segments.

14 TO 16 INCHES • DOUBLE • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Flower Record'

Crisp white petals gradually fade to yellow at the centers, with golden central cups edged in glowing tangerine.

16 TO 18 INCHES • LARGE-CUPPED • EARLY TO MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Flower Surprise'

Salmon- to melon-hued centers and ivory outer petals look like waves of crumpled tissue, with blooms that smell like buttermint candies.

14 TO 16 INCHES • DOUBLE • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Fortissimo'

This striking treasure has pale lemon-yellow pointed petals encircling a large, glowing orange trumpet. It's dazzling in arrangements.

14 TO 18 INCHES • LARGE-CUPPED • EARLY TO MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Fragrant Breeze'

A set of 6 ivory outer petals encircle a cantaloupe-hued center, and tips are slightly lighter. They smell like jasmine.

16 TO 18 INCHES • LARGE-CUPPED • EARLY



floretflowers.com

### 'Geranium'

Each stem is loaded with clusters of creamy white blooms that are accented by a glowing orange throat. Flowers are highly fragrant.

16 TO 18 INCHES • TAZETTA • MID TO LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'High Society'

Fragrant, ivory outer petals frame a shallow cup that's the color of honeydew and fades to cantaloupe, with serrated edges.

20 INCHES • LARGE-CUPPED • MID





floretflowers.com

### 'Ice King'

In a color that reminds us of buttered popcorn, flowers have crimped and folded central petals that are packed yet reflex back.  
18 INCHES • DOUBLE • EARLY



floretflowers.com

### 'Iwona'

Flowers are outward-facing, with deep, salmon throats encircled by a ring of reflexed ivory outer petals that make them look like shooting stars.  
8 TO 12 INCHES • CYCLAMINEUS • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Katie Heath'

Reflexed, white outer petals show off melon-shaded throats that age to a peach tone. Many flowers are borne in sprays.  
7 TO 12 INCHES • TRIANDRUS • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Kedron'

Borne in sprays, flowers have slightly pointed pale amber petals encircling a crimped persimmon throat. Smells like tropical fruit.  
13 TO 18 INCHES • JONQUILLA • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Le Torch'

This showstopper has some of the brightest colors we've seen, with large, upward-facing flowers in deep golden and orange.  
14 TO 18 INCHES • DOUBLE • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Lingerie'

White outer petals surround multiple central layers, with clean greenish-yellow petals tucked in between the tiers.  
16 INCHES • DOUBLE • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Love Call'

Resembling butterflies in the field, flowers have large, ivory petals surrounding tangerine centers with lighter rims.  
14 TO 16 INCHES • SPLIT-CORONA • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Lovely Lynden'

Strong, slender stems carry star-shaped, lightly scented blooms. Flowers are pure white with long, tubular throats that have a baby pink edge.  
20 TO 24 INCHES • LARGE-CUPPED • MID TO LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Manly'

Huge blooms glow and face upward on this highly fragrant favorite. Full flowers are the softest buttercream-yellow with golden centers.  
14 TO 16 INCHES • DOUBLE • LATE





floretflowers.com

### 'Minnow'

Pointed buttercream outer petals surround a shallow lemony saucer. Blooms are sweetly scented and have a wildflower-like quality.

6 TO 8 INCHES • TAZETTA • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Modern Art'

Medium-sized flowers have a ring of alternating yellow petals around a dense, ruffled saffron cup. Flowers are lightly scented.

13 TO 18 INCHES • LARGE-CUPPED • LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Night Cap'

Rounded ivory petals encircle a shallow, saucer-shaped lemon cup with distinct tangerine edging.

13 TO 18 INCHES • LARGE-CUPPED • MID TO LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Obdam'

Large, textural blooms look like they are made of crepe paper. Ivory outer petals surround centers of ivory and peach-buttercream petals.

14 TO 18 INCHES • DOUBLE • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Orange Comet'

Pale yellow outer petals set off glowing orange centers. Tips look like they've been snipped with pinking shears.

10 TO 12 INCHES • CYCLAMINEUS • EARLY



floretflowers.com

### 'Passionale'

Trumpets vary from apricot to peach and are set off by overlapping ivory petals. This is the most romantic peach-throated variety we've grown.

16 TO 18 INCHES • LARGE-CUPPED • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Petit Four'

White-pointed outer petals perfectly frame double crowns filled with an exquisite mix of apricot, pink, buttercream, and peach filled petals.

18 TO 20 INCHES • DOUBLE • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Pink Charm'

Ivory outer petals contrast beautifully with the large, salmon central cup that fades to cream in the center giving an ombre effect.

16 TO 18 INCHES • TRUMPET • EARLY



floretflowers.com

### 'Pink Wonder'

Overlapping cream petals frame ruffled salmon centers edged in pale peach. Yellow anthers protrude like shooting stars.

16 TO 18 INCHES • SPLIT-CORONA • LATE





floretflowers.com

### 'Popeye'

Tall, strong stems support ivory outer petals that encircle a pronounced, ruffled trumpet. The effect is over the top.

16 INCHES • DOUBLE • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Precocious'

Showy, crumpled ivory outer petals surround a ruffled guava-toned center that lightens toward the tips.

16 TO 18 INCHES • LARGE-CUPPED • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Professor Einstein'

This standout variety has pure white outer petals surrounding vibrant tangerine, disc-shaped centers.

16 TO 18 INCHES • LARGE-CUPPED • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Prosecco'

This miniature variety has creamy-white petals that age to light apricot and surround a pale peach throat. Flowers are borne in sprays.

14 INCHES • JONQUILLA • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Prototype'

This tiny gem has noddling flowers with reflexed, peachy-yellow outer petals framing long, slender pinkish-coral throats.

10 TO 14 INCHES • CYCLAMINEUS • LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Pueblo'

Newly opened flowers are greenish-yellow, and outer petals fade to white with a miniature buttercream cup.

12 TO 14 INCHES • JONQUILLA • MID TO LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Queen's Day'

These ultra-ruffled flowers remind us of pinwheels. Cheerful flowers in goldenrod and egg-yolk yellow face slightly upward.

16 TO 18 INCHES • DOUBLE • EARLY



floretflowers.com

### 'Replete'

This ruffled variety looks more like an iris than a daffodil. Green streaks mark the backs of ivory petals that surround curled salmon centers.

16 TO 18 INCHES • DOUBLE • EARLY



floretflowers.com

### 'Ringtone'

Overlapping ivory outer petals transform to a creamy yellow. The center cup is bright yellow, lined with tangerine ruffled edges.

14 TO 18 INCHES • SMALL-CUPPED • LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Rip Van Winkle'

This adorable novelty has petite stems bearing shaggy gold-and-green flowers that look like dandelions.

8 TO 10 INCHES • DOUBLE • EARLY



floretflowers.com

### 'Sailboat'

Long-lasting ivory blooms with buttercream centers and a jasmine-like scent are the first to appear each spring.

7 TO 12 INCHES • JONQUILLA • EARLY



floretflowers.com

### 'Salome'

Cream outer petals on this long-stemmed flower are slightly star-shaped. Peachy, funnel-shaped throats are touched with yellow at the base.

15 TO 18 INCHES • LARGE-CUPPED • EARLY



floretflowers.com

### 'Sherborne'

Pretty, double flowers are as bright and cheerful as a yellow school bus on the first day of class.

14 TO 16 INCHES • DOUBLE • LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Shrike'

Outward-facing flowers have reflexed white outer petals. The central disc starts out a warm cantaloupe and transitions to salmon.

14 TO 16 INCHES • SPLIT-CORONA • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Silver Chimes'

Flowers are borne in sprays of up to 10 star-shaped blooms with buttercream throats. Their scent is reminiscent of paperwhites.

16 TO 18 INCHES • TAZETTA • LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Sir Winston Churchill'

Thick stems topped with dense, white, multi-headed blooms have a strong fragrance. It's one of the best varieties for cutting.

14 TO 18 INCHES • DOUBLE • MID TO LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Slice of Life'

One of our favorites, this variety has ruffled orange throats against yellow outer petals. Flowers are borne as both singles and doubles.

13 TO 18 INCHES • SPLIT-CORONA • LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Snowbird'

Fluffy blooms have layers of alternating petals in shades of warm yellow and gold. Petal tips fade to white.

12 TO 18 INCHES • DOUBLE • MID





floretflowers.com

### 'Snowboard'

Slightly nodding flowers have long trumpets and are the purest white with a slight green undertone. They have an immaculate form.

19 TO 24 INCHES • LARGE-CUPPED • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Sorbet'

This fun variety is like nothing else on the market, with white petals around a ruffled throat striped with tangerine, canary, and buttercream.

16 INCHES • SPLIT-CORONA • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Spring Sunshine'

This fairy-like bloomer has multiple fragrant flowers on each stem, with pale lemon outer petals framing a golden throat.

6 TO 10 INCHES • JONQUILLA • EARLY TO MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Stainless'

Outward-facing, snow-white flowers have petite, shallow cups encircling apple-green centers. Blooms are lightly scented.

18 TO 20 INCHES • LARGE-CUPPED • LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Starlight Sensation'

Ivory star-shaped flowers are borne in sprays of 2 to 3 blooms along each stem and carry a sweet scent.

12 TO 16 INCHES • TRIANDRUS • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Sun Disc'

Petite canary-yellow blooms have flat lemon-colored cups. The flower shape has an old-fashioned quality, and blooms smell sweet.

8 TO 10 INCHES • JONQUILLA • LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Sunny Girlfriend'

The inner ruffled petals of this large-flowered variety vary widely within the apricot range. Center eyes are a glowing green-yellow.

18 TO 20 INCHES • SPLIT-CORONA • EARLY



floretflowers.com

### 'Sweet Love'

Buttermilk-hued petals form a waxy crown for a soft yellow cup that looks like a sugar flower. Blooms smell like star jasmine.

8 TO 12 INCHES • JONQUILLA • LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Tahiti'

A farm favorite, these bright blooms have large golden flowers tipped with white and ruffled saffron centers.

13 TO 15 INCHES • DOUBLE • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Thalia'

Long, slender stems carry ivory star-shaped flowers borne in sprays. This variety has an old-fashioned quality.

12 TO 18 INCHES • TRIANDRUS • MID TO LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Tom Pouce'

Tall-stemmed flowers open in a clean, lemony color. As they age, the long inner trumpets turn a glowing peachy apricot.

16 TO 20 INCHES • LARGE-CUPPED • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Tristar'

Clusters of feminine, ruffled ivory flowers have the softest buttercream centers. Blooms are sweetly scented.

13 TO 18 INCHES • SPLIT-CORONA • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Wave'

A circle of reflexed white petals show off a packed yellow-and-white ruffled center. Fringed petal edges resemble crashing waves.

12 TO 16 INCHES • DOUBLE • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Westward'

Reminding us of farm-fresh egg yolks, these blooms are packed with alternating layers of ivory and goldenrod petals.

12 TO 16 INCHES • DOUBLE • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'White Lion'

Creamy ivory outer petals alternate with shorter lemon-curd shaded segments tucked in. Flowers are symmetrical and fragrant.

18 TO 20 INCHES • DOUBLE • MID



floretflowers.com

### 'Yazz'

The creamy, slightly ruffled outer petals of this beauty look like vintage lace framing a warm gold throat tipped with an orange ring.

12 TO 14 INCHES • JONQUILLA • LATE



floretflowers.com

### 'Yellow Cheerfulness'

One of the latest to flower, this cheery bloomer has multiple buttercream blossoms on tall stems. They are highly scented.

13 TO 18 INCHES • DOUBLE • LATE