

Gracy's Tips

- The taller Fritillarias make good cut flowers, but they do have a slightly foxy scent. If you cut them, be sure to leave more than half of the stem on the plant to feed the bulb!
- Unless you keep your garden very wet in summer, try leaving your Fritillarias on the ground. They like being left undisturbed and should do even better in their second year!

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Fritillarias



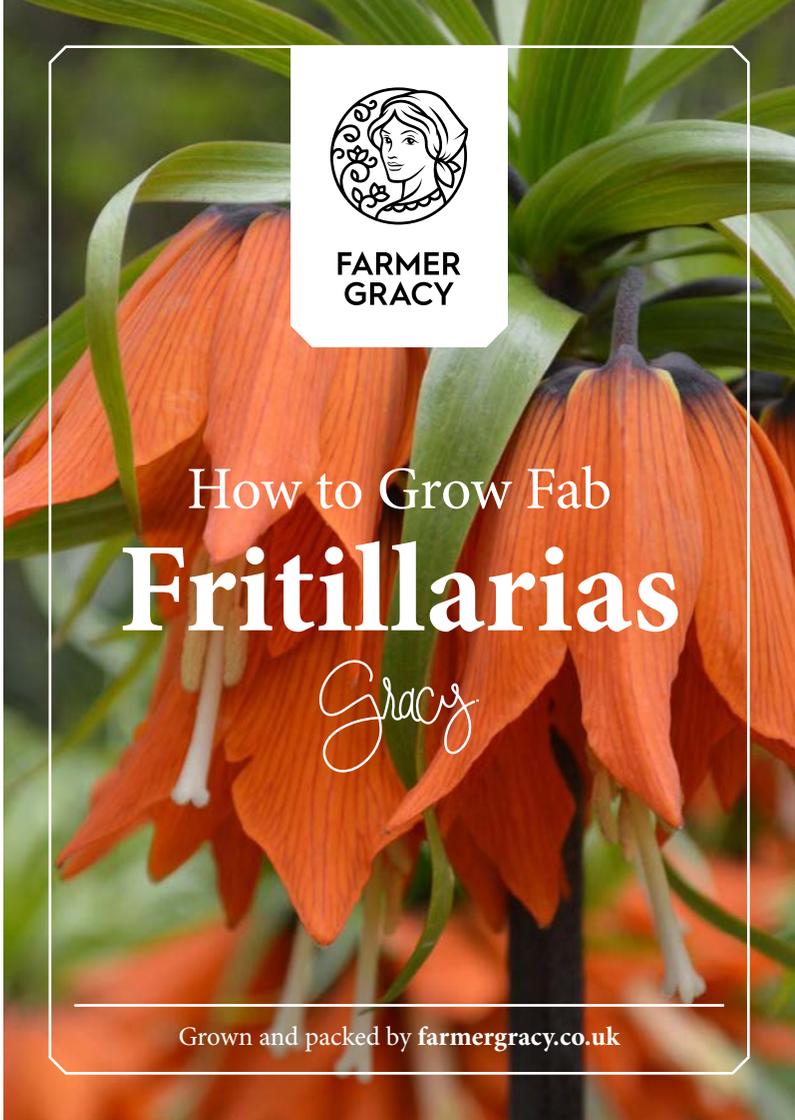
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How to Grow Fab Fritillarias

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General info

Fritillarias, or Fritillaries as they are sometimes called, are among the most diverse plants you can hope to find.

From tall Crown Imperials to dainty Michaelovskyi Fritillarias, it's hard to believe that they all belong to the same plant genus. Whatever your preferences you're sure to find Fritillaries to suit you. No matter which Fritillarias you choose, they can naturalize and even self-seed under the right conditions. Use the low growing varieties towards the front of beds or borders and the tall ones to create dramatic accent points in your garden.

A few planting basics

Like most bulbs, Fritillaries like a well-drained, well-composted soil and a sunny or lightly shaded position, but Snakes Heads don't mind wet conditions. Grouping your bulbs helps them to show off to the best effect, even when you prefer the mixed flower bed, country garden look. The smaller varieties, particularly the Snakes Head Fritillary, work well when dotted about in lawn for a natural meadow look.



Planting instructions

- Plant in Autumn for spring flowers
- Check the package for depth and spacing the rule of thumb is to plant 10-20cm deep
- Spacing also varies, but 20cm is good for tall varieties and 10-15cm for smaller ones
- Depending on species, the pointed or indented end is the top of the bulb