

Rotary Purple Crocus Corms – Rotary Wheel and/or Words

How to plant a Rotary Wheel – Approach 1

Thanks to Dave Holland of Eyemouth & District Rotary Club

- A good sunny site on a slope with decent drainage is ideal
- Approx 2,500 corms used
- The "magic" number is 14ft for the wheel diameter so 24 outer teeth to be 1ft square and spokes of wheel 1ft wide
- Use white lining paint to mark out the main design of three concentric circles at 14, 12 and 10 ft
- Mark the spokes and teeth
- Remove turf/ground from gaps in wheel to about 4in deep
- Plant corms at 36-40 per sq ft. (could add a bag of compost to help them)
- Reinsert turf carefully and firm down very well with feet or roller
- You could plant the alternate way as spokes but at a lower corm density



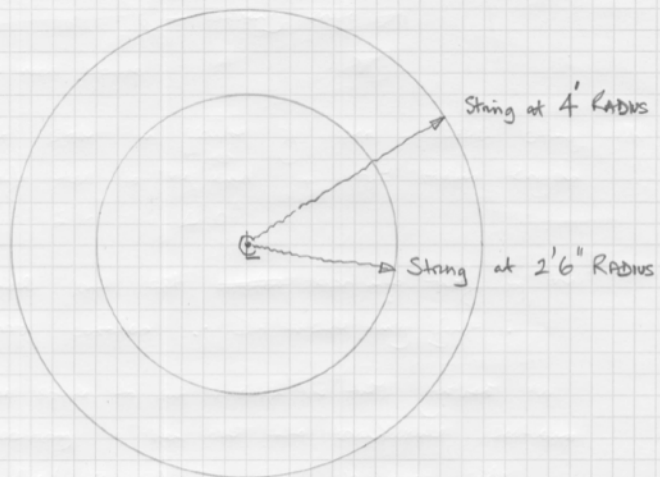
How to plant a Rotary Wheel – Approach 2

Thanks to Peter Berry and Ron Searle of Erith Rotary Club

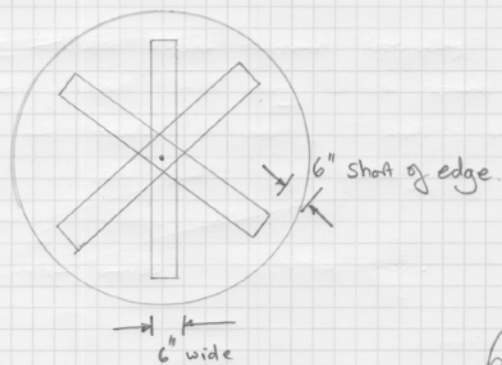
- Approx 3,500 corms used for circle and 500 for spokes
- Equipment – spade, string, carving knife, strong stake, 6 small canes, 4ft wooden board
- Set out circles (see sketch)
 - Set the stake in the middle of area to be planted, attach string with a centre loop and tie the knife to the opposite end in two radii of 2'6" and 4'
 - Kneel and cut down in to turf to mark out the two circles. Do inner circle first
 - Use spade to cut through turf fully
 - Cut area between circles in to suitable sections and dig out and set carefully aside in strict order of removal
 - Loosen soil in bottom of trench so about 3-4" deep
 - You could use a 'dibber method' for planting instead if appropriate considering the people involved and the number of corms to be planted
 - Scatter crocus corms in trench
 - Replace turf carefully in order and stamp down very firmly to flatten
- Set out the spokes (see sketch)
 - Check visual alignment carefully and use smaller canes to set out the 60 degree angles of the spokes
 - Use wooden board and carving knife to mark out 3 trenches at 60 degree separation, 6" wide and stopping short of the 5' circle by 6" at both ends
 - Remove turf and loosen as before
 - Scatter crocus corms and replace turf carefully and stamp down very firmly to flatten
- Completion
 - Remove stakes / canes
 - Rake around any surplus or spilt soil so tidy
- Enjoy the results in Feb/Mar each year and be sure to share your photographs and tell the Rotary End Polio Now story in your community



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HOW TO – plant Rotary wording such as “ROTARY : END POLIO NOW

Thanks to Frank Hart-Venn and members of Exmouth & District Rotary Club, the District Council’s gardeners, Exmouth in Bloom and RotaKids

- 4,500 corms used
- Letters about 150 cm tall
- Planting channels about 15 cm wide
- Follow planting guidelines carefully to minimise ‘theft’ from squirrels and birds
- Using density suggested below the first year display was good with no gaps
- The second year display was superb although a few gaps had appeared from squirrel theft! These gaps will be filled in during the next year’s planting ready for next season’s flowering

