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I've got one peony here, in this lovely, very calm coloured bed, and now in autumn is the perfect time for me to plant some more [peonies](#).

They're very straight forward to do. I'm just going to dig a decent hole for each corm, and the funny thing is about peonies, is that they are bulbous, or corms, and so autumn planting really suits them, because it gives them time to get their roots really down all the way through the winter, before the leaves come up because they're herbaceous perennials, and then the flowers, although of course because they're peonies they don't really flower brilliantly for about three years, but then they'll be here for thirty years, or even three hundred.

So I've dug a hole, and I've got a thing that looks remarkably like a [dahlia](#), with a bunch of what I think of as like sausages or salamis in a delicatessen or butcher, and you can see the shoots are already coming, and so I need to plant this just below the soil surface, not too deep and then it will flower brilliantly. And I've got the 2 eyes here so I know that's the way up, and then this is our homemade compost, so a good lot of that into the base of the planting hole, which is much bigger. I tend to do 5 times the width, and at least 1 and a half times the depth, and then in that goes into the compost, and then held vertically, and you never want to bury peonies too deeply, because they just won't flower, so they just want to be just below the soil surface. Firm it around, and that's it!

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