

# The Culpeper Garden Tulip Hunt

## A Leeds Castle I Spy

The Culpeper Garden, originally designed by Russell Page, is undergoing a period of restoration because it has become overrun with hedge bindweed and ground elder. These weeds smother the beds and hedges and become entangled in the roots of the shrubs and plants. The plants are currently being removed, with some stored to continue growing in pots, while the bindweed and ground elder are also being cleared, and the beds left empty for a time until we are sure these invasive plants are gone.

What we can do to give us some lovely spring flowers and colour is plant bulbs and annuals. Last autumn, around 7,000 tulip bulbs were planted in the Culpeper Garden, and your mission today is to see which ones you can find and tick them off!

The varieties grow and flower at different times in the spring, so you may not see all of them today.

**Apricot Parrot**



**Creme Fraiche**



**Maureen**



**Pink Star**



**World Friendship**



**Ice Cream**



**Salmon Van Eijk**



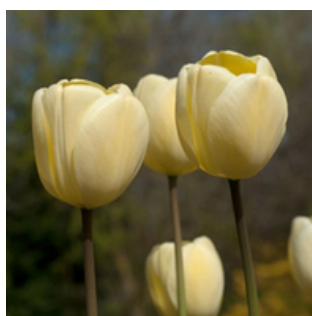
**Mango Charm**



**Finnola**



**Ivory Floradale**



**Foxy Foxtrot**

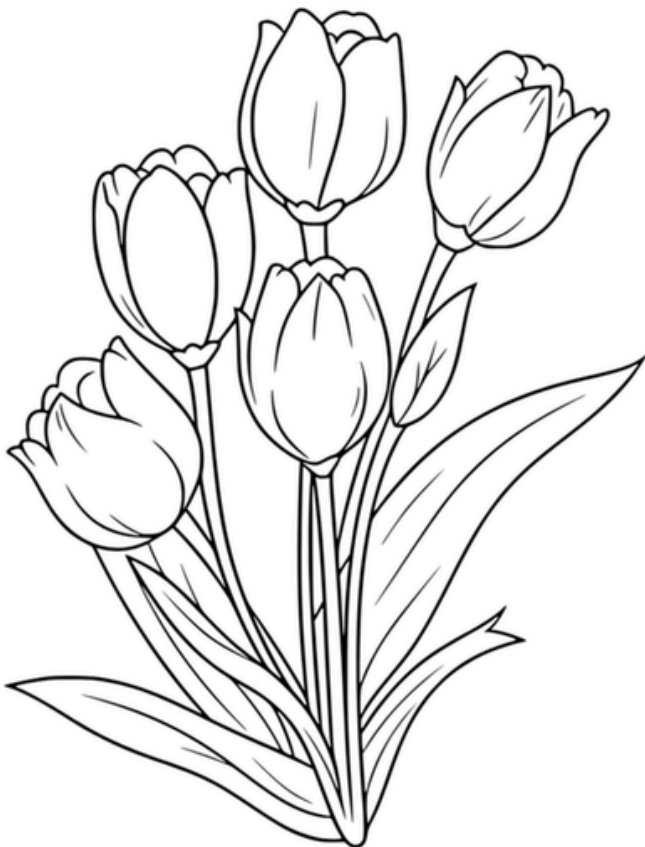


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## Tulip Fun Facts:

- **Keep Growing:** Tulips are one of the few flowers that continue to grow after being cut, sometimes adding an inch in height while in a vase.
- **Light Seekers:** When in a vase, tulips will bend and twist to grow toward the light.
- **They Were Worth a Fortune:** In the 1600s, Holland went crazy for tulips, known as "tulipmania," where some bulbs cost more than a house.
- **Edible Petals:** Tulip petals can be used in salads, to decorate desserts, or even stuffed.
- **Almost Every Colour:** Tulips come in many colours, including red, white, yellow, purple, and almost black, but they do not exist in true blue.
- **Turban Name:** The name "tulip" comes from the Turkish word *tuliban* or *dulban*, meaning turban, because they resemble an upside-down turban.
- **Hungry Wildlife:** Squirrels and deer love to eat tulip bulbs, which is why gardeners sometimes use wire cages to protect them.
- **Related to Vegetables:** Tulips are closely related to onions and garlic.



Colour me in!

