



MINIATURE ROSES

CAREFREE & COLORFUL

The sunblaze miniature rose series, that we carry here at McDonald Garden Center, has great advantages compared to other mini roses. The sunblaze series has larger flowers, a wide selection of colors, and they bloom all season long. They also retain their compact habit of 18-24 inches, where the more traditional miniature roses only grow 10-16 inches.

SOME MORE FAVORITE FEATURES:

- Bushier and more vigorous
- Winter hardy to zone 4
- More disease tolerant
- Drought tolerant
- Easy care
- Excellent for container gardening with other annuals
- Perfect gift giving choice
- Bright indoor color
- Flowers can be cut for arrangements

INDOOR CARE

When it comes to indoor care for these miniature roses, southern light, or direct sunlight, is preferred. Place in the sunniest window you have for best results. Too low humidity can also cause yellow leaves. To increase humidity, place pots in a shallow tray that is filled with wet pebbles or sand. Keep damp at all times.

Feed your roses at ½ strength monthly and remove spent flowers to encourage new ones to grow.

If wanting cut flowers from your mini roses, cut in the bud stage, or slightly open, for beautiful vase arrangements. Plant outdoors when too overgrown for your indoor spaces.

OUTDOOR CARE

When gardening outdoors with mini roses, plant in a sunny spot with minimum 5 to 6 hours of sun (all day sun is preferred). Outdoors, these roses grow 10-24 inches tall, depending on the variety. Space the rose plants 14 -18 inches apart when planting and plant in good garden soil that is ¼ to ½ organic material.

The best time to plant is spring. Have fun with your landscape arrangement by spacing them sporadically through your garden, use them as a garden bed border, or mixed with perennials.

While the plants are new, keep shallow roots moist; they will tolerate occasional drought. Feed monthly with Ferti-lome Rose food with systemic. To encourage bushy, full plants, cut the stems back to 4 inches above soil as new growth emerges. Spray or dust monthly to prevent possible problems such as mildew or Japanese beetles. Remove spent flowers to encourage faster rebloom.

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CONTAINER GARDENING WITH MINI ROSES

First, you will want to choose a container. We have a great selection available from window or deck boxes, glazed ceramic, concrete pots, terracotta, plastic, and much more for you to choose from at our locations.

Select your mini rose colors and the coordinating plants that complement each other as well as having the same basic requirements. If you are lost on what are good plants to choose, ask our Green Team members for assistance next time you are in-store.

PRO-TIPS:

- Larger containers require less water
- Use good potting soil, not too heavy
- Use contrasting leaf textures
- Use large leaf plants next to small ones to show contrast
- Use color to define a mood setting:
 - Pastel for softness
 - Hot colors like orange or red for boldness
 - Variegated foliage, yellow or white, to match flowers.
- Mix flowers for interest
- Trailing plants to cascade the edge

CREATING CUT FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Miniature roses lend themselves to many different sizes of arrangements depending on the number of flowers you want to use. Generally in rose shows, arrangements are 10 inches or less in any direction. Three to four inches is a favorite!

PRO-TIPS:

- The vase or container should not overwhelm the floral design
- Good rule of thumb is: the container should be 1/3 the size of the finished arrangement
- Make sure roses dominate the design
- Keep other materials in scale or proportion with the roses
- Use thin branches, small leaves
- Most of all – use your imagination and have fun!

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