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# Miniature Roses

Anyone who doubts that big things come in small packages has clearly never taken a close look at a miniature rose! These tiny gems (rarely growing more than 18" high, and usually under a foot in height) are beautiful, tough, and versatile, growing well indoors as well as out. They come in an increasingly wide array of gorgeous colors and flower shapes, they're not fussy, and they can be used in planter boxes, tubs, borders, pots indoors, and as out flowers.

Here's a quick look at the few requirements these little jewels have.

## OUTDOOR CULTURE

**PLANT:** Set plants slightly deeper than they grew in their pot.

**SOIL:** Use any good garden soil. Add composted leaves and fertilizer as needed.

**SUN:** Place your roses where they will receive at least a half day of sun.

**WATER:** This is important! Water your rose immediately after planting, and after that, keep the soil evenly moist.

**FERTILIZER:** Add a light fertilizer solution every three to four weeks during the growing season. Remember, it takes a constant supply of energy for a plant to produce flowers this lovely!

**WINTER PROTECTION:** In areas where winters are severe (and yes, we are included in that category), mound your plants' bases with soil or cover them with oak leaves or evergreen boughs.

See also: [How to Grow Beautiful Roses](#)

## POT CULTURE

**POT SIZE:** Use a 4" to 6" pot with drainage holes. Plastic or terra-cotta will both work fine.

**DRAINAGE:** Yes, we probably sound like a broken record, but with the exception of bog plants, our leafy friends just curl up and die if their feet stay wet. PROVIDE GOOD DRAINAGE!

**SOIL:** Mix equal parts soil, composted leaves, and perlite — or buy a good packaged potting soil mix.

**INDOORS:** Start your roses in a cool room or porch for 2-3 weeks, and then move them indoors near a sunny window. Running out of sunny window space? Try mounting fluorescent lights 2"-6" above the top of the foliage.

