

Product Information

Potted miniature roses are deciduous (leaf-shedding) plants with clusters of small blooms, ½ inch to 1 ½ inches in diameter. There are single-flowered varieties (less than eight petals), semidouble-flowered varieties (eight to 20 petals) and double-flowered varieties (more than 20 petals). Most varieties have tiny thorns, but some varieties are thornless. Heights generally range from approximately 6 to 12 inches (micro rose bushes), but some miniature rose plants can reach 17 inches in height.

Indoors, blooms last two to three weeks normally depending on variety, care and stage of maturity at time of purchase; however, some varieties can last as long as six weeks. Outdoors, these plants can survive for several years in full sun, depending on climate.



Care Tips

Indoors, bright light is required, including at least six hours of direct sunlight per day. Outdoors, full sun is required.

These plants are sensitive to drying out and must be kept uniformly moist. Water thoroughly and allow the top ½ inch of soil to dry out between waterings. Avoid getting foliage wet. Empty excess water from plant saucers or pot covers within an hour after watering to prevent root rot.

Cool to average room temperatures are ideal. These plants will tolerate temperatures as low as 10 C indoors during the winter. Miniature roses like high humidity levels and good air circulation. Place the pots on pebble trays to raise the humidity level around the plants, but do not mist these plants.

Fertilize monthly during flowering with a balanced fertilizer containing micronutrients. Cut off blooms as they die to prevent them from turning into rose hips (the fruit of rose plants), which consume energy needed to produce new blooms. Also remove foliage as it yellows or dies.

When a plant stops blooming, transplant it into a larger pot. If there is more than one plant in a pot, remove the root ball from the pot, and soak it in water. When it's saturated, carefully separate the plants, and transplant each into a larger pot.

Miniature roses can be kept in their pots, but they must be allowed to become dormant in winter. Store them in a garage or other cold, protected place (don't let roots freeze) until early March, then move them to a warmer location. If you want to transplant them outdoors, do so in late spring (May or June, depending on climate).