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There are literally hundreds of types of roses that you can grow in your garden. With such a selection to choose from, it can be extremely difficult to choose the rose that's right for you. To make this task a bit easier, We've outlined a few important factors you should consider, and explained some of the different types of roses to aid in your search.

Tips on Choosing Roses

1. Color may seem trivial at first glance, but it's usually an important factor to those that want to grow roses. Usually it is simply a matter of personal preference, but you may want to try creating a complimentary color palette for your rose garden.
2. The final growth height of a rose should be considered as it would be unattractive to grow roses that are higher than the area of the garden that it grows in. Some roses can grow to be as high as 20 feet.
3. If you live in an area that is prone to cold winters, you would certainly want a rose that could survive during the off season.
4. If certain fragrances invoke an allergic reaction, you'll want to plant roses that have a softer fragrance than the others.
5. It's smart gardening to learn what the advantages and disadvantages would be if you were to choose certain roses over others.
6. You will want to consider the size of your garden space, so that you can ensure proper exposure to the air and other elements as well.
7. If you are hoping to make your roses into bouquets, you will want to know if they can be cut. Hybrid teas can. Some roses will fall apart at the petals if they are cut.

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8. You should also consider what other types of flowers or plants you intend on adding to the rose's environment. You want to add plants and flowers that will not create a damaging environment to your rose's ecosystem.

Some Common Types of Roses

After you get a sense of the type of roses that you would like to plant, you'll naturally want to know which types of roses best fit with your planting ideas. There are too many varieties of roses to list here, but this list covers some of the most popular. You should consult your nearest garden center for advice on whether your choice is fitting to your garden's abilities.

Landscape roses – Landscape roses are great for the novice gardener. They are disease resistant, and require a little bit less maintenance. Hybrid teas are not good for the novice.

Climbing Roses – These roses are different from the regular roses that are planted as they are trained to grow upward like vines. Most people like to use these for trellises, or buildings. Some of them are hybrid teas, wichuraine, and large flowered climbers. They are a beautiful addition to the look of one's house.

Shrub Roses – Shrub roses like the beautiful rugosa are both long blooming, and disease resistant. These are also great for the novice planter. They are gorgeous even when they are not in bloom because the foliage is so pretty.

Old Garden Roses – These roses are not very good for those with severe allergies to strong fragrances because they have a strong fragrant odor. However, they are disease resistant and continue to bloom for months at a time.

The Modern Rose – These are very special roses because they are the result of cross breeding the hybrid tea with the polyanthus. They are also referred to as Floribunda. They are a beautiful combination of the best those two flowers have to offer. They are long blooming, fragrant, and they are great for cutting.

Miniature Roses – Miniature roses are exactly what they sound like. They have all of the fragrance and beauty of a regular rose, but they have smaller blooms. These particular roses are great for indoor planting.

While not all inclusive, this article should be a great help in getting you started on the way to having your very own, gorgeous rose garden.

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Looking After Your Rose Garden

By Jo Williams

There are a lot of things to consider in keeping a beautiful rose garden. If you are just starting out planting your own garden, there might be many things you still need to know and find out. Taking care of your garden is not difficult, but it does require some special care and maintenance.

Caring for your rose garden is essential in order to grow full blooms. Should your roses not bloom there can be any number of reasons.

You should first consider the position of your rose garden. Make sure that your roses are planted in an open area and can get morning sun. It is important to have your rose garden exposed to at least six hours of sunlight throughout the day. Too much shade may cause your roses to be unhealthy.

Make sure that your garden has a sufficient supply of water. For ease your garden should be placed in an area which is near your source of water. It should be watered at least one inch per week in the growing season. However, take care not to over water as this can lead your roses to die.

If your roses are not performing well, check your garden for over-watering. Proper drainage should be put in place so that your roses are not left in standing water.

Make sure that your garden is properly fertilized. This will keep your roses growing healthy and upright. But be careful not to overdo the fertilizer because it contains concentrated chemicals, especially Nitrogen. If this happens, the plant may be damaged and can grow unwanted extra leaves instead of blooms. To keep your garden healthy, use a fertilizer with the right ratio of nutrients. This will balance the growth of the roses and maintain the nutrients of the soil in your garden.

Check if your garden has enough foliage. If the bush you are growing does not have enough foliage, it will not produce the food the plant needs to make flowers. All your hard work and waiting will be wasted. Inadequate foliage or fertilizer can also result in some diseases.

The most important factor in looking after your rose garden is determining if the soil pH is balanced. You should know if it is too low or too high. If it is not in the right range for your rose variety, don't expect that your roses to have maximum blooms. If it lacks nutrients, the plants will not be able to complete the formation of flowers.

It is essential to look after your rose garden to monitor your plants and if the soil is providing the roses with the enough nutrients. If you take good-care of your garden, you will be rewarded with beautiful blooms.

Jo Williams has an interest in Home and Garden Topics. To find out how you can get more information

on cultivating your roses please visit this Growing a Rose Garden site.



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