

NOR'EAST MINIATURE ROSES www.noreast-miniroses.com
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What To Look For in Miniature Roses

Micro-miniatures: range in height from 4" to 5"
range in width from 6" to 12"

Miniatures: short – range from 12" to 16" tall
medium –range from 16" to 24" tall
tall – over 24" tall

Mini-floras: generally range from 16" to over 24" tall
with bloom and foliage size similar to miniatures, or slightly larger

Varieties and Colors

The four recommended nurseries will have approximately 600 varieties in stock. The American Rose Society has divided the spectrum of colors into 18 distinctive color classes. Many variations in color occur in blooms within these classes because of differences in soil, moisture, temperature, fertilization, sun and other conditions in which the rose is grown. Colors range from white through yellow, pink, orange, mauve and red. There are no blue roses.

The catalogs of the four specialty nurseries have color photographs and detailed descriptions including size, growth habit, sometimes disease resistance ratings and location preference, such as full sun, partial shade, etc.

Your mini roses will usually arrive in small pots ready for planting. Plants will be securely wrapped to prevent drying or damage. Upon receipt, open the package and check for adequate moisture. Continue to water until planting. Plants will be labeled and detailed planting directions included.

Two important caveats – minis like 6 hours or more of sun and adequate moisture. Never allow the soil to dry out. Garden minis do very poorly indoors and will rarely survive in normal home conditions.

Prices for miniatures will be in the \$7.00 to \$8.00 range for 4" pots. One of the distinguishing features of these small gems is that they are perfectly proportionate, with diminutive flowers, foliage and habit. Miniature roses are smaller versions of many of the different full-size plants, including hybrid teas, old garden roses and wild roses.

In our Pacific Northwest garden we have about 50 varieties of miniature roses, with about 30 in the ground and 20 in different size and shaped containers. Some are tucked in with other plants as described and are located both individually and in groupings. Oh yes...and there are a number of varieties that have noticeable fragrances. This will also be noted in some of the catalogs. Take time to enjoy a few of these versatile gems in your own garden... you won't be disappointed.