

ROSE

PLANTING GUIDE



BARE ROOT & POTTED ROSES

BARE ROOT

Depending on the time of year, our roses will either be supplied as 'bare root' or 'potted'. Bare roots are dormant with no leaves and the roots are out of the soil. On receipt, soak the roots in water for at least two hours (overnight is better). If you can't plant straight away they should be fine for up to 2 weeks if left in a cool, dark, frost-free place – keep the bag around the roots with some water inside. To plant, select an appropriate spot with enough space to allow your roses to grow. Dig a hole twice the width of the roots, forking over the bottom to loosen the soil, then add some good quality fertiliser. Plant at the same depth as the soil mark – if your tree has been grafted, the graft point (a noticeable 'knuckle' at the bottom of the trunk) must be at least 10cm above soil level. Holding the tree, slowly backfill the hole with soil so the soil falls back around the roots. If you're planting into pots, place some old rocks, stones or gravel in the bottom for drainage and ballast. Use a good quality compost, fertilise and water at least weekly.



POTTED

During the summer, we'll supply roses already potted up into protective nursery pots with fresh growth beginning to appear. These plants are more established and can be planted all-year-round but if you can't plant them straight away they can be left in their nursery pots for as long as you need. You're fine to keep them outside as long as they're well-watered and kept frost free. Plant in the same way you would a bare root (above) but instead of digging a whole to fit the roots, dig one to fit the pot. Use a fork to break up the soil at the base of the hole to allow the roots to grow deep into the hole – now your hole is ready! Before planting, water the plant well, then gently pop the plant out of its nursery pot. Loosen the soil around the roots with your fingers then place into your hole. Lightly firm the soil around your rose and water in well. To plant into a pot or container, follow the same steps, just be sure to use a container big enough to allow your rose to grow. Deadhead regularly during the summer months to encourage more flowers and growth and water at least weekly, especially in warmer weather.



CLIMBING ROSES

There's nothing like the sight and scent of traditional English climbing roses dripping from an archway or pergola, flowering month after month after month...Not only do climbing roses boast strong flower power, but their scent is to die for on a warm summers eve when it wafts through the breeze. Perfect for covering up unsightly walls or fences, they are the quintessential cottage-garden climber and can quite easily be trained to scramble up to 2m tall up structures and frames and the sheer variety of flower colour, shape and size gives you plenty of choice.



STANDARD ROSES

A rather modern take on the traditional English rose, Standard Roses form a lollipop shape with a ball of flowers and foliage sat on top of a long bare stem – a process of 'top-grafting' the flowering variety on to the straight stem of the rootstock. Combining the beauty of an English rose with the contemporary look and feel of standard trees, they are perfect planted up in swanky pots and placed either side of doorways, gateways and entrances, or lining pathways to create a real grand entrance. Producing summer-long displays of highly fragrant blooms for decades to come, they are the perfect way to add height and elegance to your garden.



SHRUB ROSES

Perfect for filling up gaps in beds and borders, or for spilling over the edges of large patio containers, bush and shrub roses are totally winter hardy and grow to a compact size of around 60-90cm making them easily manageable. Repeat flowering from May to October each year, they are incredibly easy to grow and will provide a mass of flowers in varying shapes and sizes against bushy, glossy green foliage. The pure mass of flowers and dense foliage makes them ideal for use as small hedges or screening and, as with lots of other roses, they can be cut to bring inside and create stunning displays in vases on the windowsill.



GROUNDCOVER ROSES

Groundcover varieties stand out for their sheer mass of blousy blooms that spread to cover the ground and create a carpet of colour. Our aptly named 'FlowerCarpet' roses produce wave upon wave of flowers whilst remaining compact, ideal for low borders or large patio containers. Each rose will spread about 1m wide and 0.5m tall so are great value for money, covering plenty of bare ground with just the one plant. With their high disease resistance, winter hardy nature and delicate scent, groundcover roses are becoming ever more popular and it's not surprising when they're so easy to manage and maintain and yet give such fabulous results all year long and for many more years to come!

