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Learning the Basics

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Have you ever wanted to grow roses in your garden? Do you dream of becoming one of the most successful rose growers in your community? Hmm...you remain procrastinated believing that you don't have a green thumb? Oops! Note that growing roses is not about having a green thumb. The truth is that roses can be grown by almost every one, regardless of the age, gender, and level of expertise. So if you're a beginner, don't worry. Just like the others, you too have the chance to grow beautiful roses in your garden successfully.

Roses are by far the most commonly grown flowers in the whole world. As far as I know, about 85% of the households nowadays are growing these flowers knowing the fact that roses are easy to grow and easy to care. You can even learn to propagate your own variety from new growth. Well, it is for this reason that roses have been considered throughout communities as the garden's favorite.

Now if you want to turn your lackluster garden into a place of exquisite charm and beauty, where you will enjoy the long lasting fragrance the roses can give, I bet you would be interested to know how you can grow them. As I've said earlier, growing roses is so easy, and it would be fun for the fact that roses come in almost every size and color. With this availability, it is so simple to find roses and varieties of it that will fit into the theme and color scheme of your garden.

So you've made up your mind and you now want to learn the basics of growing roses. The question now is how to start growing this garden's favorite? Well, here are some of the basics ways to note when thinking about growing beautiful roses in your garden.

Considering the Garden Space and Design

Landscaping is by far the most critical step to consider before choosing the varieties of roses to plant. In analogy, this is the same with structuring and building your house first before putting some of essentials that will make it a home. This is important in the sense that landscaping will help make you realize whether the space is good for roses or not.

So start planning your garden design. Most of the expert gardeners usually set up their roses with a number of ways. For instance, there are some who considered putting up a ring fence of white shrub roses, while others preferred a climbing rose masked in red blooms and grown at the back of a catchy flower border. There are also others who set up roses spilling over a stone retaining wall, with the ground cloaked with well-shaped corals.

There are other ways you can incorporate with your garden design that will make your rose garden as attractive and blooming as it should be. No matter what strategy you may incorporate, there's no big worry for your roses to grow and propagate as rose fit in any landscape. Yes, when it comes to landscaping, there is always room for roses.

Knowing the Climate

The climate is but another important factor to consider when thinking about planting and growing roses. It plays an important role in the growth of the plants, the reason that gardeners, amateur and expert alike, should consider it before planting and allowing the materials to grow.

For instance, it is deemed best to plant roses when temperatures are cool and the plants are dormant. This is no doubt ideal if you have a climate with a winter temperature that stays above ten degrees Fahrenheit. On the other hand, if you

live in an area where temperatures tend to hit zero, roses grow well when planted no later than the first day of October. In this kind of climate, experts also often recommend planting roses early in spring, right after the chance of frost passed. This time is said to be perfect for growing roses simply for the reason that during this period, the ground is likely warm and thawed.

If you want to make sure that you are planting roses with the right climate, check the package information for any hint, or ask the experts growers you know about when is the right time for your roses to be planted.

Knowing the Soil

In terms of soil, expert gardeners often suggest planting roses in areas where annuals, perennials and grasses once grow. The soil in this area already has rich minerals and nutrients needed for the roses to grow and bloom. However, if you want to obtain better results, it would be best if you will consider adding some sorts of fertilizers into your soil. According to some gardeners, fertilizers will work best if placed right on the hole when planting the roses. You can also add some compost or organic matter to further make the soil more ideal for the roses to grow. Sheep's manure, peat moss and compost are said to be so potent for making that purpose happen.

So if you are making a garden for your wonderful roses, try to spread fertilizers on the ground. A rate of about four pounds is said to be ideal for an area of a hundred square feet. If you are clueless as to what kinds of fertilizers to use for your roses, don't hesitate to ask your garden center or local nursery. There are garden centers that distribute fertilizers for households to use throughout the year. So know if these fertilizers will suit the survival needs of your roses. It is worth noting that roses tend to live and flourish longer in soil rich in nitrogen, potash and sodium.

If you find your planting area to be rocky, then don't panic. The truth is that roses live well in areas that are rocky. This is based on the fact that unlike the other plants, the roots of roses don't like to be wet. Rocks then provide them a great drainage.

What Varieties to Grow?

As you may know, roses come in a number of types. Each type has its own survival requirements that must be met for them to survive and flourish as they should be. So when planning to grow roses, it is important to determine exactly what type of roses you wanted to propagate and what type will look best in your garden. It is also important to make sure that the type you are considering fits well to your location.

To give you an idea of what the most common types of roses are, I have stressed below some of them. Please read on.

Hybrid Tea Roses

You have probably seen some of the hybrid tea roses in your neighbor's backyard. Or someone in the past has given you a bouquet of hybrid tea roses. Well, this variety comes in a number of shades. Most of them are fragrant, and they come in large sizes, making them perfect for bouquets and centerpieces.

However, in terms of their survival requirements, ask the person who introduced you to the flowers in the garden center. You might be told that hybrid tea roses tend to grow best in a climate with frigid winter temperatures, especially if the roots and base of the bush are cloaked with straw and mulch. Also, there's a great possibility that the staff in the flower garden will advise you to deadhead the blooms, which will in turn allow them to grow and bloom so great.

Miniature Roses

Just like the rest of the rose's types, the miniature roses come in a variety of colors, making them capable of complimenting every garden theme. However, the miniature roses grow only to a height of about six or seven inches. Blooms of about an inch grow plentifully, making this type truly attractive to see. You can plant this variety in rock gardens, borders, or as wall edgings as they tend to thrive best in these places.

Grandifloras

Grandifloras have long been considered as the perfect variety to grow for those who are just starting in the rose growing game. One of the main reasons for this preference is that grandifloras are so easy and quick to grow. They feature heavy foliage and blooms that are profuse, and another great thing about them is that, they have the tendency to survive in temperatures of ten degrees Fahrenheit. And, with a variety of colors available for this type, it's no wonder that grandifloras will fit every garden theme.

The grandifloras can even be brought inside your home where they can be used as a beautiful display. So if you have grandifloras in your garden and they bloom so great, why don't you try bringing the blooms indoors and see how perfect they will fit as a display?

Creeping Roses

As the name suggests, the creeping roses grow and creep along some fallen logs, large rocks, or along stumps. They tend to grow best in colder climates simply for the reason that creeping roses are one of the most common hearty types of rose. However, unlike the other varieties, the creeping roses are not as attractive, nor they show great blooms. So while you find them growing best, try to incorporate them on your landscape. You can place them with a brick wall with a contrasting

shade in the background. And, with their creeping nature, this variety is often deemed ideal for terraces, walls of gardens shed, or in banks.

Floribundas

Floribundas are but another well-known type of rose that is easy to grow. According to some claims, this variety is much easy to care compared to that of the hybrid teas. They also tend to produce large blooms, especially from June until the first sign of frost. There are, however, some instances when floribundas bloom so great even until the severe frost hits.

With their large blooms, most gardeners consider the floribundas perfect for mass plantings, as well as for landscaping. They are also perfect for these settings as they are not just beautiful, but also fragrant. Aside from that, they survive in temperatures as low as twenty degrees Fahrenheit. So if for instance you find the temperature in your area dipping below twenty degrees, it would be best to cover the base and the area around your rose buds with a blanket of straw or mulch. This will protect its roots, allowing them to grow despite the climate.

Hybrid Perpetuals

If you are wondering about the heartiest type of rose, the hybrid perpetuals is the answer. Yes, these perpetuals are so hearty in nature that they thrive well even in areas with harsh winters. But although they thrive in such kind of condition, it is still best to protect its roots especially in winter months when the wind and rain can be so heavy. Today, the hybrid perpetuals are the most prized of all the rose's types. Flower collectors from different areas in the world have known this variety for sure.

Polyantha Roses

Polyantha roses are but another hearty type of rose that thrives well in temperate climate, provided that the roots are well-protected. This variety grows to a height of about eighteen inches, but they bloom so in large clusters, giving you a good display. According to experts, the polyanthas work well in mass plantings or borders.

So those are the popular varieties of roses. The next thing you can do now is to select which of the varieties you really intended to grow. If you've picked up the right one, then planting comes next.

How to Plant Roses

Planting roses is the most critical part of growing roses. That's why it should be considered as carefully as possible.

So, how to start planting? Well, here are some simple steps for you to follow:

1. Look for an area with a free drainage as the roots of rose cannot typically stand being sodden.
2. Soak the rose bush in a bucket of water.
3. Dig a hole measuring about two feet wide and two feet deep.
4. Add some compost to the soil. Sheep's manure and peat moss will do.
5. Add some forms of fertilizer, like bonemeal. Mix it up with the soil and fill the hole with water.

6. Once the hole drained away, plant the grafted rose. Keep the bud union at the surface.
7. If you are living in country with a very cold winter, push the bush down up to three inches below the surface of the soil.
8. Hill up the soil around the base of the rose bush. This is necessary to prevent any sign of drying out which will possibly happen if the weather gets cold or very hot. You can remove this covering as soon as roots find its own way to the soil.
9. To maintain the growth, water the rose regularly.

Note these steps, and if possible, try to exert some time and effort for taking care of your newly planted roses. Water them regularly as that's what roses need to survive.

Other Helpful Tips

There are a lot more steps you can do to make your roses grow as lively and blooming as possible. Perhaps one of the necessary steps to take to keep your roses great is to prune them in the right way and in the right time.

According to some experts, pruning in winter is not a good idea. The right time to prune rosebushes is in spring when new growth appears. Just prune off old flowers when they fade, including those dead branches.

During the growing season, it is wise to fertilize the rosebushes twice. But do the application only in the "right time", which would be the *spring* soon after the first growth appears for the first fertilizer and in *mid-season* for the second fertilizer.

And, never fertilize the roses in the fall, especially if you are living in an area where four-season climate is available.

Speaking of fall, it is also best recommended for every rose grower to always protect the roots of the rosebushes in the fall, perhaps with one foot of straw or compost placed on the base of the bushes. In the same season, you can also consider covering the protective blanket with plastic, if desired.

So that's basically it! Now that you've read and learned the basics of growing roses, it's now time for you to start incorporating these ideas into your actual work. Start growing the fragrant and beautiful roses in your own gardens to bring colors and life into your home. Just use what you have learned from this article to make sure that you are growing the gardens' favorite in a positive way.

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