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LOW MAINTENANCE ROSES FOR SOUTHEASTERN PA/NJ/DEL

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The following list of low maintenance roses was prepared by a panel of rose growers from Southeastern Pennsylvania and South Jersey. This list is designed to assist homeowners in our area who want to grow various types of roses without the need for frequent spraying and other care, but who want varieties other than the Knockout series of roses. Next to each rose is a description of color, height and a key code indicating wholesale growers who sell that variety. Some varieties are available at local nurseries. To view pictures of each rose, go to www.helpmefind.com/rose. The key codes to online retailers are as follows (some varieties sell out in the fall):

A = Antique Rose Emporium (www.antiqroseemporium.com) **B**= Burlington Roses (www.burlingtonroses.com) **C** = Chamblee Roses (www.chambleeroses.com)

E = Edmunds Roses (www.edmundsroses.com) **H** = Heirloom Roses (www.heirloomroses.com) **HC** - High Country Roses (<https://www.highcountryroses.com>)

K = K&M Roses (www.kandmroses.com) **N** = Northland Roses (www.northlandrosarium.com) **P** = Palatine Roses (www.palatineroses.com)

RG = Rogue Valley Roses (www.roguevalleyroses.com) **R**= Roses Unlimited (<https://rosesunlimitedsc.com/>) **W** = Witherspoon Roses (www.witherspoonrose.com)

For more information on growing roses, including advice on planting, pruning and maintenance visit www.ars.org or www.philadelphiarosesociety.org. Consulting Rosarians are available to provide advice free of charge to homeowners in our area.

HYBRID TEA/GRANDIFLORA ROSES

The most popular roses, Hybrid Teas and Grandifloras are the large, shapely flowered roses typically used for cutting and arrangements. Flowers are borne on long stems either singly or with several side buds.

Apricot Candy - Apricot Blend - 5' - Beverly - Light Pink – 3' – H, E, HC

Beverly - Light Pink - 3' - A, E, HC, N, R

Bliss Parfuma - Pink Blend - 3' = HC, R

Cherry Parfait - Red Blend - 4' - HC, N

Dark Desire – Violet/Red – 4' – R

Elina – Light Yellow – 5' – H, E, K

Frederick Mistral – Light Pink – 5' – N, RG

Grande Amore - Medium Red - 4' -

Julie Andrews - Pink Blend - 3' - W

Moonlight Romantica - Medium Yellow - 6' - H, HC

Olympiad – Medium Red – 5' – E, K, R

Pink Promise – Pink Blend – 4' – K

Pope John Paul II – White – 4' – K

Princess Charlene de Monaco - Apricot Blend - 3' - H, E, HC, W

Queen Elizabeth – Medium Pink – 4' – E, HC, RG, W

Savannah - Salmon/Pink - 4' - A, H, E, HC

Sweet Spirit - Red Blend - E

FLORIBUNDA

Floribunda roses are slightly smaller and bushier than Hybrid Tea roses and flower in clusters rather than one per stem. They also make good cutting roses for arrangements.

Canyon Road - Red - 2' -
 Cinco De Mayo – Russet – 3' – H, N, R
 Earth Angel - Light Pink - 3' - N, R
 Easter Basket – Yellow Blend – 4' – H, R
 Easy Does It – Peach - 3' – H, HC, K, R, W
 Easy To Please - Pink - 5' - H, HC
 Easy Spirit - White - 4' - H, HC, W
 Ebb Tide - Mauve - H, E, HC, K, R
 Eyeconic Mango Lemonade - Orange/red center - 3' -
 Fire Opal Kolorscape - White Blend - 2' -
 Gilded Sun - Yellow - 3' -
 Julia Child – Medium Yellow – 3' – A, H, E, HC, K, N, R, W
 Mango Veranda - Orange Blend - A
 Passionate Kisses – Medium Pink – 3' - H
 Plum Perfect - Mauve - A, H, E, HC, R, W

SHRUB ROSES

Shrub roses are large bushes that create a massive display of blooms. Give these roses a lot of room, as they will spread quickly.

Carefree Spirit - Red/white center - 5' - H
 Belinda's Dream - Medium Pink - 6' - A, H, E, K, W
 Calypso - Apricot Blend -
 Crazy Love - Orange blend -
 Darcy Bussell – Red Blend – 5' -
 Drift Roses (several colors) – 3' - Available locally
 Knock Out – several colors – 4' – Available locally
 Lady Elsie May – Orange pink – 3' – H, HC, RG
 Lady of Shalott – Salmon/Pink/Yellow – 4' –
 Miracle On The Hudson - Medium Red - 5' - H
 Olivia Rose Austin – Pink – 4' -
 Pink Home Run – Pink – 3' – H
 Sally Holmes – White – 6' – A, H, HC
 Seafoam – White – 3' –
 Screaming Neon - Red -
 Take It Easy - Dark Red - 4' -

CLIMBING ROSES

Climbing roses are large roses meant to be grown on a supporting structure (e.g. wall, fence or arbor). They can grow up to 10' tall or more, making for a spectacular display. Care should be taken when pruning climbers in the spring, as some varieties bloom only on last year's canes.

Bajazzo - Red/white reverse - 10' -
 Cancan – Pink – 10' –
 Cherry Frost - Cherry Red - 6' -
 Cloud 10 - White – 7' – H, HC, N
 Florentina - Red - 9' - E, W
 Fruity Pedals - Pink Blend -
 High Wire Flyer - deep Pink -
 Honeymoon – White – 7' – H, E, HC, R, W
 Jasmina – Pink – 8' – H, R
 Laguna – Deep pink – 8' – H, E, R, W
 Moonlight – Peach – 8' – R
 New Dawn – Light pink – 10' – E, C
 Quick Silver -Mauve – 7' - A, E, N, P R, W
 Tangerine Skies - Orange/Yellow - 8' - E, HC, R, W
 Winner's Circle - Dark red - s

POLYANTHA ROSES

Polyantha roses are similar to, but smaller than Floribundas, with large clusters of small, 1-inch diameter blooms often used for massing, edging and hedges.

Margo Koster - Orange Blend - 2' -
 Marie Pavie (Earth Kind) – White – 2' – A, H
 Mlle Cecile Brunner - Pink Blend - 3' - A, H
 Pretty Polly Lavender - Lavender - 2' -
 The Fairy – Light Pink – 4' – A, H
 White Pet - White - 2' -

FRAGRANCE ROSES

These roses are listed because they have a strong, distinctive fragrance. Type of rose is indicated next to each variety.

Beverly - Light pink - 6' - E, H, R
 Ebb Tide - Mauve - 2'-4' - H, E, HC, K, R
 Jasmina – CL - Violet/Pink – 6' –
 Marchesa Boccella –Perpetual – Light Pink – 3' – HC
 Pope John Paul II - White - 4' - R
 Rose de Rescht - Deep Pink - H, HC
 Savannah - Salmon/Pink - 4' - H, E, HC
 Secret – Cream/Pink – HT – 3' – E

OLD GARDEN ROSES (OGR)

Old Garden Roses are those types that existed prior to 1867. After an initial spring crop of blooms, some varieties may not produce any more flowers the rest of the year, but their hip production adds a different kind of beauty to the garden. The beauty of OGR's often lies in the heavy fragrance they can impart to the garden.

Dagmar Hastrup – light pink – 4’
 Louise Odier – Deep Pink – 4’ – H
 MME Hardy – White – 5’ –
 Marchesa Boccella – Light Pink – 3’ - A
 Rose de Rescht – Deep pink - H
 Salet – Medium Pink – 4’ – H
 Souvenir de la Malmaison – Light Pink – 3’ -

MINIATURE ROSES

Miniature roses are increasingly popular, with flowers that are a miniature version of hybrid teas and floribundas. Miniature rose bushes are usually smaller in height than Hybrid Teas, and are good for edging beds, or growing in containers.

Diamond Eyes - Mauve - 3’ - E
 Gourmet Popcorn – White – 2’ –
 Green Ice – White – 2’ –
 Irresistible – White – 2’ –
 Petite Knockout - Medium Red - 3’ - E
 Roxy - Deep Pink - 2’ - R
 Sunblaze Series - Various Colors - 2’ - E
 Whimsy – White/Pink – 2’ – N, E

MINIFLORA ROSES

Miniflora roses are a relatively new classification, with intermediate bloom size and foliage, falling between miniatures and floribundas.

Autumn Splendor - Yellow Blend - 3’ - K, R
 Maroon Eight - Dark Red - 3’ -
 Show Stopper – Apricot Blend – 3’ – K
 Tiffany Lynn – Pink Blend – 3’ – K
 True Love - Dark Red -