

ROSE VARIETIES FOR POT PLANTS

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Some rose varieties suitable for flowering in containers as pot plants are listed below by flower color. These varieties produce many small flowers during each flush of bloom. Varieties listed also have a very compact appearance due to production of many lateral branches.

Some thumb-nail pruning is needed during forcing to shape the leafy top growth and to restrict development of flower buds up to 28 to 34 days before the plant is to be marketed in bloom. Five to nine months are required to produce salable plants in containers of one gallon volume.

Grafting leafy stem-cuttings of Rosa fortuniana and rooting under mist is suggested as a method of propagation. Varieties marked with an asterisk (*) have made equally satisfactory growth on their own root. Harmodin powder No. 1 can be used to speed root initiation on leafy stem cuttings of these varieties.

RED

PINK

WHITE

ORANGE

Polyantha and Floribunda varieties producing clusters of bloom:

'Eutin'

'China Doll'

'Summer Snow' *

'Margo Koster'

'Mothersday'

'La Marne' *

'Orange Triumph'

'Pinkie'

Miniature varieties with dwarf, very compact growth:

'Red Imp'

'Cinderella' *

'Pixie'

'Coralina'

'Robin'

'Cutie'

'Midget'

'Marilyn'