

...How to Grow Miniature/Miniflora Roses from Cuttings

Introduction. The term miniature rose in this document also implies Miniflora Roses. Miniature roses (Rosa hybrid) are available in heights from 300mm to 1000mm with flowers in nearly any colour. They fit neatly into small, sunny corners in the garden and make it possible for people with limited space to enjoy roses where full-size bushes would be too big. If you have miniature roses, you can propagate them by cutting as they tend to grow better on their own roots. The best time to take miniature rose cuttings is in the Autumn when the bush has bloomed and the flowers are fading. The stems used to take the cuttings should be mature and have flowered, either semi hardwood or hardwood.

Experiment. Not all forms of miniature roses will take as cuttings, and unfortunately there is no foolproof list of which can be grown in this manner and which cannot. It depends on the soil, the climate, and the miniature rose in question. Different roses also respond differently to the method of propagation used, try to vary the method you are using for more success. So be prepared for some successes and some disappointments -- but do keep trying.

Planting Medium. The planting medium that may be used is detailed below, each are as good as each other, and it simply is a matter of choice.

Planting Mediums.			
My Planting Medium, consists of: 2 parts - Basic potting mix 2 parts - coarse river sand 1 part - Perlite.			

Note: Above in the 'My Planting Medium' I recommend the use of Basic potting Mix, the reason for this is a high quality potting mix will contain elements that are not ideal when trying to grow roses by cuttings. Elements such as controlled release fertilisers, composted manures and wetting agents that ensures uniform wetting and rewetting of the mix are contained within a high quality potting mix.

Fungicide. Any of the above are good mediums for the use of rooting miniature rose stems. Whichever of the above is used it should be treated with a Fungicide prior to use.

If using a premixed package ensure you read the directions on the back of the container for the correct mixture rates. A solution of nine (9) parts water and one (1) part (3% Hydrogen Peroxide) may also be used as a fungicide.



Moistening. The potting medium must be kept moist. You can achieve this by sealing the cuttings using a purpose made cutting greenhouse tray or a plastic drink bottle with the top or bottom cut off it, the bottom cut off is the best option. Place the bottle over the pot being used to make a small greenhouse. The pots should be at least 70mm deep and wide with a drain hole in the bottom. You can put the container outdoors in a shady