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There are many types of roses available to gardeners, choosing the right rose is just as important as caring for your rose. This guide provides a brief overview of the types of roses we offer at Ken's Gardens, as well as help you decide what kind of rose to grow in your garden.

Guide to Choosing Roses

Hybrid Tea- Elegant, tall, plants producing the classic long-stem rose with individual large blooms. Many varieties are very fragrant. Hardy in zones 4-9 (bud union must be mulched).

Grandiflora- Similar to Hybrid Teas, but have large clustered blossoms. Hardy in zones 4-9 (bud union must be mulched).

Floribunda- Ideal for borders & containers. Provide an almost constant show of color. They bloom more and are generally lower growing than Hybrid Teas or Grandifloras. Hardy in zones 4-9 (bud union must be mulched).

Climbing Roses- Add a sweeping expanse of color to walls, fences, pillars, posts, or trellises. An added bonus is they need very little pruning, and nearly all are repeat bloomers. Hardy in zones 5-9 (bud union must be mulched).

Miniature Roses- Great in containers, make lovely borders and solve the space problem for those with a small yard or balcony. Hardy in zones 5-9 (with proper wind protection).

Tree Roses- Made from hardy rootstock grafted to a long stem that is then grafted to a rose bush at the top of the stem. Use in attention grabbing containers, to define a walkway or as a stand-alone focal point in the middle of a lawn. Extra care is needed to insure Tree Rose survival over winter. Ask one of our associates for more information.

Knockout Rose family from Star Roses. These new varieties are resistant to almost all known rose diseases.

Landscape Roses- This class includes many different types of roses that are becoming popular among landscape designers. The term

covers everything from English Garden Roses to Shrub Roses and even Miniature Shrublets which are moving beyond containers and into the landscapes. Landscape roses are , disease resistant, hardy, and require very little care. Pruning if desired, can be done with a hedge clipper. If you can grow a perennial, you can grow these roses. Leading the way in landscape roses are the

English Garden Roses (David Austin Roses)- English Garden Roses are known for their fragrance, repeat bloom cycle, and overall hardiness. Many have remained popular since the 19th century. Their natural looking cupped bloom and carefree manner work well in natural garden settings.

Groundcover Roses- These low growing roses cascade over walls or act as ground covers in a perennial garden. Most grow 1-2 feet tall while spreading 5-6 feet wide.

Rugosa Roses- Bred from wild roses, these tough specimens provide unique textures and colors that work well in natural settings. Most feature large rose hips in the fall.