



**THE MINI-ROSE
AND
HOW IT GROWS!
A PRIMER ON
ROSE CULTURE
FOR
CHILDREN**

MY DAY IN THE SRS ROSE GARDEN

MY NAME: _____

MY AGE: _____

DATE: _____

NAME OF THE ROSE:

COLOR OF THE ROSE:

DATE I PLANTED

MY ROSE: _____



STEP 1.

PICK A SPOT IN THE GARDEN WHERE THERE ARE NO TREES AND THE SUN SHINES AT LEAST 6 HOURS A DAY.



STEP 2.

TAKE YOUR SHOVEL AND DIG A HOLE AS BIG AS A BASKETBALL!





STEP 3.

**GOOD SOIL IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR GROWING
BEAUTIFUL ROSES!**

AN EASY RECIPE FOR GOOD SOIL:



TOPSOIL + PEAT MOSS + COMPOST

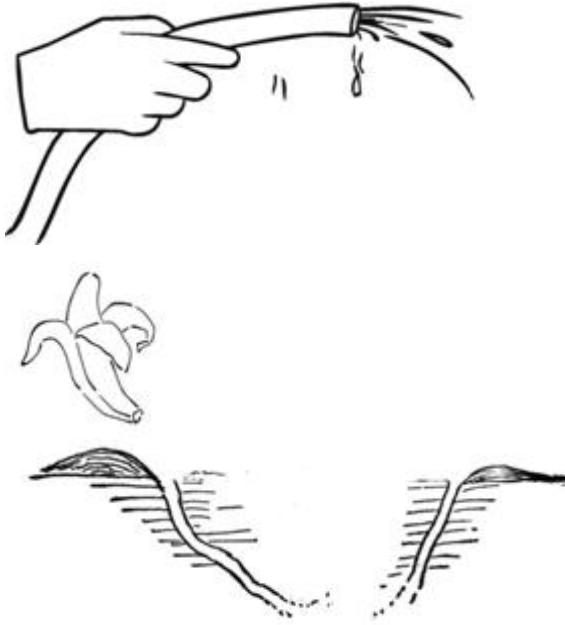


MIX THEM ALL TOGETHER!

STEP 4.

**FILL THE HOLE ALMOST TO THE TOP WITH THE NEW
SOIL MIXTURE.**

**A TASTY TREAT FOR YOUR MINI-ROSE IS A *BANANA
PEEL!* THROW A *BANANA PEEL* INTO THE BOTTOM OF
THE HOLE!**



WATER WELL AND MAKE SURE THE WATER DRAINS AND DOESN'T FORM A PUDDLE THAT DOESN'T DISAPPEAR.

STEP 5.

DUCKS LIKE TO SIT IN PUDDLES.....

BUT ROSES DON'T!



“ROSES LOVE WATER, BUT THEY HATE WET FEET!”

-DAVID DAWN, ROSARIAN -



STEP 6.

ASK MOM OR DAD TO GENTLY REMOVE THE ROSE FROM THE PLASTIC POT, MAKING SURE NOT TO DISTURB THE SOIL.

STAND THE MINI-ROSE IN THE CENTER OF THE HOLE, SO IT IS LEVEL WITH THE GROUND.

FILL IN THE HOLE WITH SOIL AROUND THE MINI ROSE AND LIGHTLY PRESS DOWN THE SOIL WITH YOUR HANDS. GIVE THE MINI-ROSE A GOOD DRINK OF WATER!



STEP 7.

AND REMEMBER TO WATER YOUR MINI-ROSE EVERY WEEK IN THE GARDEN , AND MORE OFTEN IF YOU DECIDE TO PLANT YOUR MINI-ROSE IN A FLOWER POT.



STEP 8.

JUST LIKE YOU GET HUNGRY, SO DOES THE MINI-ROSE. THERE ARE MANY TYPES OF FOOD THAT MINI-ROSES LOVE.

HERE IS A LIST OF SOME:

1. MIRACLE-GRO ROSE FOOD- LIQUID SOLUBLE – WHICH MEANS IT DISSOLVES IN WATER.

2. ROSETONE – ORGANIC GRANULAR – SPRINKLE UNDER THE BUSH.

3. “OSMOCOTE” -TIME-RELEASED GRANULES – SPRINKLE UNDER THE BUSH.

FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PACKAGE.

ALWAYS WATER YOUR MINI-ROSE BEFORE AND AFTER YOU FERTILIZE IT.



STEP 9. SUMMERTIME!



WHEN IT’S HOT AND THERE’S NO RAIN, WATER YOUR MINI-ROSE MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK.

MAKE SURE YOU WATER UNDER THE BUSH AND NOT OVER IT! ALWAYS TRY AND KEEP THE LEAVES DRY. THIS HELPS TO PREVENT “BLACKSPOT” THAT CAN MAKE YOUR MINI-ROSE SICK!



STEP 10.

IF YOU *DON'T* HAVE A GARDEN, YOU CAN PLANT YOUR MINI-ROSE IN A FLOWER POT. *MINI-ROSES LOVE GROWING IN FLOWER POTS TOO!*



BUY AN 8 INCH PLASTIC OR CLAY FLOWER POT. PUT A TWO-INCH LAYER OF PEBBLES OR BROKEN PIECES OF AN OLD CLAY POT IN THE BOTTOM AND FILL UP THE NEW POT WITH *POTTING SOIL*. MAKE A SMALL HOLE IN THE CENTER.

TAKE THE MINI-ROSE OUT OF ITS CONTAINER AND PLACE IT IN THE HOLE, SPRINKLE A TEASPOON OF *OSMOCOTE, A TIME-RELEASED FERTILIZER*, AROUND THE MINI-ROSE AND FILL IN WITH SOIL. PRESS DOWN THE SOIL LIGHTLY WITH YOUR HANDS AND WATER WELL UNTIL THE POT DRAINS.

STEP 11.

REMEMBER: IF YOU PLANT IN A CLAY FLOWER POT, YOU HAVE TO WATER MORE OFTEN THAN IF YOU PLANT IN A PLASTIC POT, BECAUSE CLAY POTS ARE POROUS AND DRY OUT FASTER!

WHETHER YOU PLANT YOUR MINI-ROSE IN THE GARDEN OR IN A FLOWER POT, YOU MUST PINCH OFF THE DEAD BLOOMS! BY DOING THIS IT TELLS THE ROSE BUSH TO KEEP BLOOMING!

USE YOUR THUMB AND INDEX FINGER AND PINCH! AND SEE HOW THE MINI-ROSE GROWS!

