Classes and Shapes of Roses
Today We are Going to Learn a Few Things About Roses

• We are going to learn about the age and origin of roses.
• We are going to learn about the importance of the rose to society.
• We are going to learn about “classifications”
• We are going to learn about bloom shape and size.
Did You Know?

That roses have been around since before the dinosaurs!

Fossils have been found with imprints of roses in Colorado.
Did You Know?

That Scientists think that the rose originated in China.
Did You Know?

That no wild roses occurred in nature below the equator? Now they grow just about everywhere....even in Alaska!
Did You Know?

That President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation stating that the ROSE should be our National Floral Symbol because so many Americans love roses.

The “Ronald Reagan” Rose-named in honor of our President.
Today’s Lesson about Roses is in 2 Parts

Part 1
This section is about the different classes of roses

Part 2
This section is about the different shapes of the blooms of roses
How Are Roses Classified?

There are many different ways of classifying roses: they may be grouped by:

- Variety
- Growth habit
- Color
- Size
- Shape of their flowers
- The number of petals
There are 35 Classes of Roses
To keep this simple, we will start with nine classes (groups) of roses. You will find each one is different and unique to its class—just like you!

Here are the classes we will look at today:

1. Micro-Miniatures
2. Miniatures
3. Mini-Floras
4. Floribundas
5. Grandifloras
6. Hybrid Teas
7. Climbers/Ramblers
8. Shrubs
9. Old Garden Roses
This class of rose is the smallest class you can find. They only reach 12 – 14 inches in height and the bloom is the size of a dime when fully opened but looks just like their bigger cousins the hybrid tea.

They can be grown in a flowerpot on your porch or patio!
These Are Really Tiny Roses

Look how small this rosebud is
Miniature Rose

This class of rose is a little bigger than the Micro-Mini.
This rose can get 2-3 feet high and its blooms are 1–2 inches across.
These roses can be grown in a flowerpot or in the garden.

Miniature Rose: “Sun Sprinkle”
Miniature Roses are Beautiful

Miniature Roses have such a variety of shape and color

Grow them in Planter

Grow them in Gardens

Grow them in pots

Grow them by sidewalks
Mini-Flora Rose

This is a relatively new class of rose due to its size.

Plants can reach 3 – 4 feet in height and blooms can be 3 inches across.

It got its name because it is bigger than a miniature and not as big as a Floribunda.
Mini Flora Roses Have Many Shapes and Colors
Floribunda Rose

The Floribunda class of roses typically grow 4 – 5 feet high.
They have huge clusters of flowers.
A single cluster from a floribunda can make a bouquet!
These make great plants in the middle of a rose bed.

Floribunda Rose - “Disneyland”
Floribunda’s Naturally Formed Bouquets

- Betty Boop
- Easy Does It
- Anne Harkness
- Sun Flare
- Cinco de Mayo
The Grandiflora class of roses can reach 6 feet in height and have long stems with three or four blooms per stem. They tend to have bigger flowers than the floribundas but fewer of them.

Grandiflora Rose- “Dream Come True”
Grandiflora’s are Big and Beautiful

CH-Ching

Melody Parfumee

Cherry Parfait

Heart of Gold

City of Leeds

Sweetness
Hybrid Tea Rose

This is what most folks think about when they think of a rose; really long stem with one huge flower at the end.

These plants can reach beyond six feet high and the blooms can be 6 inches across! How is that for being huge?

Hybrid Tea Rose: “Red Intuition”
The Ever-Popular Hybrid Tea Comes in Many Colors and Styles of Bloom
Climbing/ Rambling Roses

These are the roses you see growing on an arbor or up a wall of a building.

Typically, they reach 12 – 15 feet. Some older varieties of climbing roses can grow even longer!

Take a look at what’s next...
World’s Largest Rose Bush

This “Lady Banks” Rose was brought from Scotland in 1888 and planted in Tombstone, Arizona.

The base of this rose looks like a tree!

It covers more than 8,000 square feet!
Shrubs

This class of rose ranges in size from groundcovers to shrubs.

This class can have a wide range of bloom size as well.

Shrub Rose – “Double Pink Knockout”
Shrub Roses Have Lots of Blooms

Grow them by a patio

Grow them by a house

Grow them on a fence

Shrub Roses bloom frequently so your rose garden will be filled with color.
Shrub Rose Blooms Have Variety

Some Shrubs have very simple 5 petal blooms

Some Shrubs have many petals in each bloom
Old Garden Roses (OGRs)

- Sometimes called antique roses, these were the roses that helped create the classes above.
- They too have a wide range of growth habit and bloom size.
- These roses often have an interesting history of where they came from.
- For example, the type of rose called the Noisette (nawh-zette) is the only class of rose that was created in North America and it was done in Charleston, South Carolina.
The Old Garden Class of Roses is often Highly Fragrant
This Class of Roses usually blooms only in the spring or early summer.
What Else is There to Know About Roses?

There are many more wonderful and interesting things to learn about roses.

In the next part of today’s lesson we are going to look at the basic bloom forms.

Let’s Begin Part 2
Today, we are going to look at the following bloom forms:

- 5 Petal Shaped Rose Bloom
- Pointed Shaped Bloom
- Rosette Shaped Bloom
- Quartered Shaped Bloom
- Urn or Balloon Shaped Bloom
- Round Shaped Bloom
5 Petal Shaped Roses

- All wild roses have five petals and five modified leaves called sepals.
- More roses than the “wild ones” have five petals.
- Let’s take a look at a few of them...

5 Petal Rose- “Sally Holmes”
Summer Wind
“Baby Love” is a soft yellow five petal shrub rose

“Sharon’s Delight” is a white five petal Miniature
Pointed Shaped Roses

- Pointed-form roses are mostly found in the hybrid tea classification.

Pointed Shaped Rose - Hybrid Tea “Gemini”
Notice how tightly the petals swirl around the pointed center.
These Blooms are Great!
Get the “Point”? 
Rosette Shaped Roses

These roses have a great many petals that often grow in an uneven pattern.

When the blooms are partially open they sometimes look like balls.

Rosette Shaped Rose- “Evelyn”
Rosettes are Really Ruffled!
Quartered Shaped Roses

Quartered-form roses have four sections of petals rotating around the four different centers.

Quartered Shaped Rose- “Rose du Roi”
A Small Sample of Quartered Blooms
Round Shaped Roses are small round blooms with masses of even petals.

They are sort of like A Cheer Leader’s Pom-Pons.
These Happy Little Rose Blooms Can Really Cheer up Any Garden!
Whatever Their Class or Shape of Bloom...  
Roses Bring Beauty to Our World!

We Hope You Had a Good Time Learning About Roses
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