

Rose Growing for Beginners



Baby Steps to Beautiful Blooms



From Planting to Pruning: Everything You Need to Know for Rose Success



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WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ROSES, FELLOW UK GARDENERS!

Whether you're a millennial looking to spruce up your first home or an experienced green thumb ready to tackle a new challenge, roses are the perfect addition to any garden.

They're not just beautiful – they're a slice of living history that can transform even the tiniest balcony into a fragrant paradise.



Let's face it: the thought of growing roses might seem a bit daunting at first. Maybe you've heard they're fussy or high-maintenance.

But here's the secret:

With a little know-how and some TLC, anyone can become a successful rose gardener. And trust me, there's nothing quite like the satisfaction of nurturing your very own rose bush from a bare-root cutting to a blooming beauty.

Introduction



In this guide, I'll walk you through everything you need to know to get started on your rose-growing journey.

I'll cover choosing the right varieties for your space (yes, even if all you have is a window box!), planting tips that'll give your roses the best start in life, and eco-friendly care techniques that'll keep both your plants and the planet happy.

This guide serves as an excellent starting point for your rose-growing journey. However, if you're eager to dive deeper into the world of roses, keep an eye out for my upcoming comprehensive course.

It will build upon this foundation, offering detailed insights into specific rose varieties, advanced care techniques, and personalised guidance for your unique garden.



So, whether you're dreaming of a cottage garden bursting with climbers or just want to add a pop of colour to your urban balcony, stick with me. I'll show you how to bring a touch of timeless elegance to your outdoor space, no matter its size. Ready to get your hands dirty and create something beautiful?

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Module 1

THE BENEFITS OF ROSES: BEAUTY, FRAGRANCE, ATTRACTING POLLINATORS.

Roses aren't just pretty faces in your garden – they're multitaskers that bring a whole bunch of benefits to the table. Let me break it down for you:

Beauty That'll Make You Swoon:

First off, let's talk about these stunning blooms. From classic reds to soft pinks and even quirky striped varieties, roses come in a rainbow of colors that'll make your garden pop.

They're perfect for creating that 'wow' factor, whether you're aiming for a romantic cottage vibe or a sleek modern look. And the best part? With the right care, you can enjoy these beauties from late spring all the way through to autumn.

A Feast for Your Nose:

Now, close your eyes and imagine the sweet, intoxicating scent of roses wafting through your garden on a warm summer's evening. Heaven, right? Not all roses are super fragrant, but pick the right varieties and you'll have your own natural air freshener. It's like having a perfume factory right outside your door!



Buzzing with Life:

Here's where roses really shine for eco-conscious gardeners. These flowers are absolute magnets for pollinators. Bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects can't resist their pollen-rich blooms.

By planting roses, you're not just prettying up your space – you're creating a vital pit stop for our pollinator pals. It's gardening with a purpose, and who doesn't love that?



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So there you have it – roses aren't just another pretty plant. They're garden superstars that look good, smell amazing, and do their bit for the environment.

Now that we've piqued your interest, let's dig into the nitty-gritty of getting started with your very own rose garden.

Module 2

GETTING STARTED WITH ROSES IN THE UK

UNDERSTANDING YOUR GARDEN :

Alright, fellow rose enthusiasts, before we dive into the nitty-gritty of rose growing, let's take a moment to get to know your garden. After all, every UK garden is unique, and understanding yours is key to rose success!

Growing Zones:



UK hardiness zones can vary slightly depending on the source. It's best to consult the most recent data from the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) or Met Office.



Know Your Zone:

The UK's climate is generally rose-friendly, but it pays to know your specific growing zone.

Most of England, Wales, and Northern Ireland fall into zones 8-9, while Scotland ranges from 7-8.

Don't worry if this sounds like gibberish – I'll explain why it matters when we choose your roses!

- **Zone 7** is the coldest zone in the UK where roses are commonly grown.
- **Most of the UK falls within zones 8 and 9.**
- **Zone 10 and 11** are limited to the mildest areas, primarily in the southwest.
- **Microclimates** can create pockets of warmer or colder conditions within each zone.
- **This zoning system is an approximation and local conditions can vary.**

Zone	Min/Max Temp (C)	Region
7	-17.8 to -12.2	Northern Scotland, Highlands
8	-12.2 to -6.7	Most of Scotland, Northern England, Northern Ireland
9	-6.7 to -1.1	Most of England, Wales, parts of Northern Ireland
10	-1.1 to 4.4	Southern coastal areas of England, parts of Wales
11	-4.4 to 10	Isles of Scilly parts of Cornwall

GETTING STARTED WITH ROSES IN THE UK

Soil Savvy:

Roses aren't too fussy, but they do have some soil preferences. Grab a handful of your garden soil. Does it feel gritty (sandy), sticky (clay), or somewhere in between?

Roses love a well-draining, slightly acidic soil. But don't panic if yours isn't perfect – I've got tricks up my sleeve for every soil type.



Sun Seeker:

Take a walk around your garden at different times of day. Roses are sun worshippers, craving at least 6 hours of direct sunlight. Spot those sunny patches – they're prime rose real estate!



Space Matters:

Whether you've got a sprawling country garden or a cozy balcony, there's a rose for you. Measure your available space. Got vertical room? Think climbing roses. Limited ground space? Consider compact varieties or even container roses.



The Wind-Up:

The UK can get pretty blustery. Notice if any areas of your garden are particularly wind-prone. We'll want to either protect roses in these spots or choose tougher varieties.



Water Works:

Does your garden have any particularly dry or damp areas? Knowing this helps us place roses where they'll be happiest (and saves you some watering headaches down the line).



Remember, getting to know your garden isn't just about the roses – it's about connecting with your own little slice of nature. So take your time, observe, and maybe even jot down some notes. Your future roses will thank you for it!

Module 4

PLANNING YOUR ROSE GARDEN

Small Space, Big Impact:

Ready to turn your garden dreams into rosy reality? Let's get planning!



Small Space, Big Impact:

Don't let limited space crush your rose-growing ambitions. Here are some clever ways to squeeze roses into even the tiniest spots:



1. Container Gardening:

Patio roses and miniature varieties thrive in pots. Think beyond boring plastic – old wine barrels or colorful ceramic planters can add extra flair.



2. Vertical Gardens:

Make use of walls and fences with climbing roses. They'll create a stunning living tapestry without hogging ground space.



3. Window Boxes:

Yes, really! Miniature roses can bring charm to your windowsills.



4. Maximizing Small Plots:

Try the "thriller, filler, spiller" method. Plant a tall rose as your centerpiece, surround it with compact bushes, and edge with trailing varieties.



5. Hanging Baskets:

Some trailing roses work beautifully in hanging planters, perfect for balconies.



Module 4 (cont)

PLANNING YOUR ROSE GARDEN

Traditional vs. Modern Roses The Showdown :

Now, let's talk rose varieties.

It's not just about looks – choosing the right type can make your life much easier.



Rose Types

Traditional Roses:

- * **Pros:** Unbeatable classic charm, often incredibly fragrant
- * **Cons:** Can be more susceptible to disease, may require more maintenance

Modern Roses:

- * **Pros:** Bred for disease resistance, repeat flowering, and easier care
- * **Cons:** Some gardeners feel they lack the 'true rose' character

Here's a quick breakdown:



Hybrid Teas (Modern):

The classic long-stemmed beauties, great for cutting



Floribundas (Modern):

Clusters of smaller flowers, excellent for mass colour



Climbing Roses:

Perfect for walls and trellises, available in both traditional and modern varieties



Betty White - Large-Flowered Hybrid Tea Rose



Abracadabra - Floribunda Rose



Paul's Scarlet - Climbing Rose

Module 4 (cont)

PLANNING YOUR ROSE GARDEN

Beginner-Friendly Roses:

🌹 Ian's top tip 🌹

Go for 'Knock Out' or 'Easy Elegance' roses. They're tough, forgiving, and bloom like crazy. Perfect for beginners - you'll feel like a pro in no time!

Selecting the Perfect Roses - Beginner-Friendly Beauties

These low-maintenance, disease-resistant varieties are perfect for newbies:

Lady Of Shalott



Lady of Shalott (David Austin):

Apricot blooms, disease-resistant, and tolerant of partial shade. What's not to love?

Knock Out



Knock Out Roses

Nearly indestructible, these come in reds, pinks, and yellows.

They're repeat bloomers and laugh in the face of black spot.

Iceberg



Iceberg

A classic white floribunda that's tough as nails and gorgeous to boot.

Also available as a climber

- *A personal favorite of mine. In my garden in the South of England, it reliably blooms from April into late December, occasionally even into early January. An exceptionally long flowering season.*

Disease-resistant roses are my go-to. They're tough, stunning, and fuss-free. I plant these beauties and enjoy more blooms with less worry. It's that simple!

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PLANNING YOUR ROSE GARDEN

Beginner-Friendly Roses: (cont:)

Selecting the Perfect Roses – Beginner-Friendly Beauties

These low-maintenance, disease-resistant varieties are perfect for newbies:

Bonica



Bonica

Bears dainty clusters of attractive, small to medium-sized, mid-pink flowers.

If they are not dead-headed they will be followed by a wonderful crop of bright red hips, which last long into the winter.

It forms a nice, sturdy shrub with tidy, spreading growth and ample foliage.



The Fairy

This rose is deciduous so it will lose all its leaves in autumn, then fresh new foliage appears again each spring.

'Fairy Rose' is a dwarf, repeat flowering shrub rose, that produces an abundance of rosette-like double light pink flowers, each with a mild apple-like fragrance.

Compact patio roses are container champs! Good drainage, rich compost, and regular watering are key. It's that simple to create your own little blooming paradise!

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PLANNING YOUR ROSE GARDEN

Beginner-Friendly Roses: (cont:)

Selecting the Perfect Roses – Beginner-Friendly Beauties

Container Champs:

For those of you working with limited space

Flower Carpet



Flower Carpet, series:

Spreading roses that work brilliantly in large pots.

Sweet Drift



Sweet Drift:

Compact, disease-resistant, and perfect for hanging baskets.

Cupcake



Miniature Roses:

Endless varieties that thrive in small pots. Try '**Cupcake**' for a cheery pink option.

Climbing roses? Think of them as graceful acrobats - they need a trellis or fence to climb on! Gently train the stems as they grow to fill your support.

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PLANNING YOUR ROSE GARDEN

Beginner-Friendly Roses: (cont:)

Selecting the Perfect Roses – Beginner-Friendly Beauties

Climbing the Walls (In a Good Way):

Vertical gardeners? These are for you

Zéphirine Drouhin



Zéphirine Drouhin:

A thornless climber with pink blooms – perfect for high-traffic areas and can climb up to 4 meters!

New Dawn



New Dawn:

Pale pink, disease-resistant, and can climb up to 6 meters!

Climbing Iceberg



Climbing Iceberg:

All the toughness of the bush variety, but in climbing form and can climb up to 3 meters!

Sunshine is key! Aim for at least 6 hours a day for your rose superstars to thrive and bloom their best.



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PLANNING YOUR ROSE GARDEN

Beginner-Friendly Roses: (cont:) Beginner Friendly Roses

For beginners, I often recommend starting with modern roses. Their built-in disease resistance gives you a confidence boost while you're learning the ropes. But don't be afraid to mix in a traditional variety or two if a particular rose steals your heart!

While I've touched on some basic rose types here, my full course delves much deeper into the fascinating world of rose varieties. You'll learn about the unique characteristics and care needs of floribundas, hybrid teas, shrub roses, and many more. This knowledge will help you select the perfect roses for your specific garden conditions and aesthetic preferences.

Remember, planning your rose garden is all about balancing your dreams with practicality. Take your time, sketch out ideas, and don't be afraid to get creative. Your perfect rose garden is just waiting to bloom!!

Top Tips for Choosing:

1. Match the rose to your space: Don't pick a giant climber for a tiny balcony!
2. Consider your color scheme: Want a cohesive look or a riot of colors?
3. Think about fragrance: If scent is important, look for roses noted for their perfume.
4. Read the labels: They'll tell you about size, sun needs, and disease resistance.

Remember, there's no such thing as a truly "no-maintenance" rose, but these varieties come pretty close. Start with one or two types and see how you get on. Before you know it, you'll be a rose whisperer!



Now its time to get planting and growing.

Module 5

SELECTING AND PURCHASING ROSES


 Ian's top tip 

Choosing roses at the garden center? Give the leaves a good look! Healthy leaves are a sign of happy roses. Avoid ones with yellowing or spots, you want your beauties to thrive!

Buying Pot-Grown Roses :



Buying Pot-Grown Roses

Garden centers and nurseries offer a convenient way to start your rose garden with pot-grown plants.

Here's what to look for when choosing the perfect potted rose:

1. Healthy Foliage: Seek glossy, green leaves without spots or discoloration.



2. Strong Stems: Avoid plants with weak or spindly growth.



3. No Pests: Check for aphids, spider mites, or other unwanted visitors.



4. Balanced Shape: The plant should have a good overall form without awkward gaps.



5. Moist Soil: The potting mix should be neither bone-dry nor waterlogged.



Remember, a quality pot-grown rose might cost more upfront, but its head start and health make it a worthwhile investment for your garden.

Module 5 (cont)

SELECTING AND PURCHASING ROSES



Buying Pot-Grown Roses :(cont:)

Garden centers and nurseries offer a convenient way to start your rose garden with pot-grown plants.

Here's what to look for when choosing the perfect potted rose:

6. Root Health: Gently remove the plant from its pot. Healthy roots are light in color and fill the pot without being root-bound.

7. Buds and Blooms: Some flowers or buds are good, but avoid plants in full bloom as they may struggle to establish.

8. Container Size: Larger pots (5–7.5 L) often contain more mature plants that establish quickly.

9. Plant Labels: Ensure the rose has clear identification and care instructions.

10. Seasonal Timing: While spring and fall are ideal, pot-grown roses can be planted almost year-round if well-cared for.



Module 6

PLANTING AND GROWING

Planting in the Garden:

Alright, green thumbs – it's time to get those roses in the ground (or pot)! I'll walk you through the process step-by-step, whether you're working with a garden bed or container.

1-Choose your spot: Remember, roses love sun!



2-Prepare the soil: Dig a hole twice as wide and deep as the container your rose is in. - Mix in some well-rotted compost or manure.



3-Plant your rose: Carefully remove the rose from its container - Place the rose in the hole, making sure the graft union (the bulgy bit where the stems meet the roots) is just below soil level - Backfill with soil, firming gently.



4-Water well: Give your new rose a good drink to settle it in.



5-Mulch: Add a layer of organic mulch around the base, keeping it away from the stems.

🌹 Ian's top tip 🌹

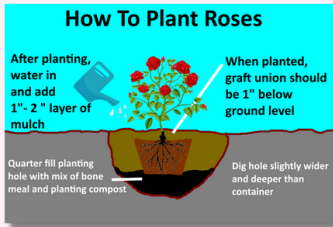
For extra-dry soil, try this:

Dig your planting hole

Fill it 1/4 full with water

Let the water drain completely

Then mix in compost or manure before planting (this is known as "puddling in")



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PLANTING AND GROWING

Planting Roses in Containers:

Alright, green thumbs – it's time to get those roses in the pot. I'll walk you through the process step-by-step.

1-Choose a pot: At least 30cm wide and deep - Must have drainage holes



2-Prep your pot: Add a layer of gravel or broken pottery for drainage - Fill halfway with a mix of potting soil and compost



3-Plant your rose: Position it so the graft union will be just below soil level when filled -Fill around with your soil mix, firming gently



4-Water: Thoroughly

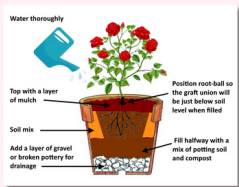


5-Top: With a layer of mulch



🌹 Ian's top tip 🌹

- Mix vermiculite into your potting soil
 - Makes pots lighter and easier to move
- Great for repositioning roses as needed



Module 7

CARING FOR YOUR ROSES

Your roses are planted – now let's keep them thriving! Proper care ensures beautiful blooms and healthy plants. Here are the key areas to focus on:

Watering

- Water deeply but infrequently to encourage deep roots
- Aim for about 2.5cm of water per week
- Water at the base of the plant to avoid wet leaves



Feeding

- Start feeding with either granular or soluble rose fertilizer in spring when new growth appears
- Use a balanced, slow-release fertilizer every 6-8 weeks during the growing season
- Stop feeding about 6 weeks before your first frost date



Ian's top tip

I use **Miracle-Gro** to fertilize my roses. It's versatile and effective: I apply it as a foliar spray on the leaves or I add it directly to the soil at the roots. It's my go-to for promoting healthy growth and vibrant blooms

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CARING FOR YOUR ROSES

Caring for Your Roses: Pruning Made Simple

It's time for the chop! Let's tackle pruning - a task that might make new rose growers nervous. Don't worry, we'll break it down into easy steps.

Why Prune?

- Encourages healthy growth
- Improves air circulation
- Promotes more blooms
- Shapes the plant



The Tools You'll Need:

Sharp, clean secateurs (bypass pruners are best)



Thick gloves



When to Prune:

- **Main pruning:** Late winter/early spring, as buds start to swell
- **Light pruning:** Throughout the growing season

Loppers for thicker stems

Ian's top tip

Sharp, clean tools are a must! I keep my secateurs razor-sharp and wipe them with alcohol between roses. A quick sharpen once a season works wonders. Your roses will thank you, and pruning becomes a breeze!



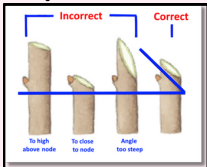
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CARING FOR YOUR ROSES

General Pruning Tips:

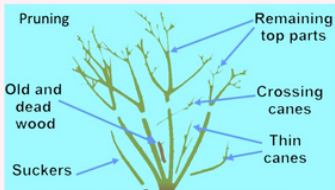
It's time for the chop! Let's tackle pruning - a task that might make new rose growers nervous. Don't worry, we'll break it down into easy steps.

- **Cut at a 45-degree angle, about 5mm above an outward-facing bud**
- **Remove dead, diseased, or crossing branches first**
- **Aim for an open, vase-like shape to improve air flow**



🌹 Ian's top tip 🌹

Remember, roses are tough cookies. Even if you make a mistake, they'll usually bounce back. The more you prune, the more confident you'll become!
If you're still nervous, start by pruning just one rose bush.



Next- lets find out how we control those pesky pests.

Module 7 (cont)

CARING FOR YOUR ROSES

Natural Pest and Disease Control

Let's face it – even the healthiest roses can sometimes fall victim to pests and diseases. But before you reach for harsh chemicals, let's explore some eco-friendly ways to keep your roses happy and thriving!

Know Your Enemies:

- Aphids



- Spider mites



- Sawfly



🌹 Ian's top tip 🌹

Nature's Way!

Skip the chemicals! Plant marigolds, invite ladybirds, and watch your roses thrive naturally. It's easy, effective, and eco-friendly. Your garden will thank you!

Prevention is Key:

- Choose disease-resistant varieties from the start.
- Ensure good air circulation by proper spacing and pruning.
- Water at the base of plants, avoiding wet leaves.
- Keep your garden clean – remove fallen leaves and debris.



Organic Pest Control Methods:

- **Hand-picking:** For larger pests like Sawfly, simply pluck them off and drop them into soapy water.
- **Water blast:** A strong jet of water can dislodge aphids and spider mites.
- **Insecticidal soap:** Mix 1 tablespoon of mild washing-up liquid (not detergent) with 1 liter of water. Spray on affected areas.
- **Neem oil:** A natural fungicide and insecticide. Follow package instructions for dilution.
- **Companion planting:** Grow pest-repelling plants like garlic, chives, or marigolds near your roses.
- **Diatomaceous earth:** Sprinkle this natural powder around your roses to deter crawling insects.

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CARING FOR YOUR ROSES

Attracting Beneficial Insects:

Turn your garden into a haven for helpful bugs:



- **Bees:** Bees are garden heroes, pollinating flowers and boosting your harvest!



- **Lacewings:** They eat aphids, mites, and small caterpillars. Plant cosmos and daisies.



- **Hoverflies:** Adults pollinate, larvae eat pests. They love Alyssum and mint.



Ian's top tip



My Bug-Friendly Garden Secret:

I plant a range of flowers, keep it a bit wild, and add water. The beneficial insects move in, pests clear out, and my garden thrives. It's that simple!



- **Ladybirds:** Natural aphid predators. Attract them with dill, fennel, and yarrow.



- **Ground beetles:** Night-time hunters of slugs and snails. Provide ground cover and mulch.

Module 7 (cont)

CARING FOR YOUR ROSES

Disease Control:

Spotted leaves got you worried?

No sweat! Let's explore some quick, natural ways to keep your roses healthy and blooming. These simple tricks will have your garden thriving in no time.



Baking soda spray:

- Mix 1 tablespoon baking soda, 1 tablespoon vegetable oil, and 1 teaspoon liquid soap in 4 liters of water. Spray on leaves to prevent fungal diseases.

Milk spray:

- Mix 1 part milk to 2 parts water. Spray on leaves to combat powdery mildew.

Pruning:

Remove and destroy any diseased foliage promptly.

Remember, a healthy rose is your best defense. Focus on providing the right growing conditions, and your roses will be better equipped to fend off pests and diseases naturally.

Ian's top tip

This field is continually updating. Always verify current organic control methods with reputable sources like Garden Organic or the RHS.



Now it's time to learn how to keep up your good work.

Module 7 (cont)

CARING FOR YOUR ROSES

Winter Care for UK Roses:

Ah, winter in the UK – a time when our gardens go to sleep, but our roses need a bit of extra TLC. Let's make sure your beautiful blooms are ready to face whatever the British weather throws at them!

Timing is Key

- Major pruning: late winter/early spring
- Light trim in autumn to prevent wind rock

Clean and Mulch

- Remove fallen leaves and debris
- Apply 5-7cm organic mulch, keeping it away from stems

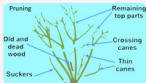
Extra Protection

- In cold areas, wrap canes in fleece or bubble wrap



Ian's top tip

I find that a tidy rose bed with a cozy mulch blanket is the best defense against winter woes! Give your roses a winter jacket - a little extra coverage goes a long way in harsh weather!



Now it's time to learn how to keep up your good work.

Module 7 (cont)

CARING FOR YOUR ROSES

Winter Care for UK Roses:

Container roses need extra TLC when the mercury drops. Let's keep those beauties cozy and thriving through the cold months with some simple tricks. Ready to turn your patio into a winter rose haven?

- **Move to sheltered spot**
- **Raise pots for drainage**
- **Wrap pots for insulation**

Remember, most roses are pretty tough cookies. These measures are about giving them the best chance to come back even stronger in spring. With a little winter TLC, you'll be rewarded with a gorgeous display when the warmer weather returns!



🌹 Ian's top tip 🌹

Harsh winters in your area? If so, group your containers in a sheltered spot, wrap them in bubble wrap, and raise them slightly off the ground. It's like a cozy winter party for your roses, and they'll thank you come spring!

Weather Precautions

- Create windbreaks if exposed
- Ensure good drainage
- Gently brush off snow to prevent breakage

Winter Maintenance

- Water container roses during dry spells (when not frozen)
- Stop feeding 6 weeks before first expected frost
- Tie in loose branches of climbing roses

Module 8

ENJOYING YOUR ROSES

Congratulations, rose enthusiast! You've nurtured your plants through planting, pruning, and even battled a few pests. Now it's time for the best part – enjoying the fruits (or rather, flowers) of your labour!



Harvesting Your Blooms:

Timing is key:

- Cut roses in the morning or early evening when it's cool.- Choose blooms that are just starting to open for longest vase life.

Make the cut:

- Use clean, sharp secateurs.- Cut at a 45-degree angle, about 1cm above an outward-facing leaf.- This encourages new growth and more blooms!

Vase life tricks:

- Strip off lower leaves that would sit below the waterline.- Recut stems under water to prevent air bubbles.- Use lukewarm water and flower food for longevity.



Ian's top tip



My Bloom Harvesting Secret:

I cut my roses in the early morning, just as the buds open. I snip at 45° above a leaf and pop them in warm water immediately. Fresh roses, longer vase life – simple!



Module 8 (cont)

ENJOYING YOUR ROSES

Deadheading for Continuous Flowering

Think of deadheading as giving your roses a little motivational pep talk:

Why it matters:

- Removes spent blooms before they form hips (seed pods).- Encourages the plant to produce more flowers.- Keeps your garden looking tidy.

How to deadhead:

- Cut just above the first set of leaves below the spent flower.- For clusters, wait until most blooms are spent, then cut the whole stem back.

Make it a habit:

- Do a quick deadheading round every few days.- It's a great excuse to get up close and personal with your roses!



Ian's top tip



As I deadhead my roses, I take the opportunity to inspect them for pests and diseases.



Module 8 (cont)

ENJOYING YOUR ROSES

Sharing the Rose Love

Nothing beats the joy of sharing your garden's beauty:

Bouquets for friends:

- Bouquets for friends:- Create simple arrangements to brighten someone's day.- Include a mix of open and closed blooms for interest.

Host a garden party:

- Show off your roses in their natural habitat.- Serve rose-themed treats (rose petal jam, anyone?).

Enter local shows:

- Many areas have flower shows or competitions.- It's a great way to meet fellow rose enthusiasts!



Ian's top tip



Share your love of roses by teaching others how to care for and cultivate their own

Remember, growing roses isn't just about the end result. It's about the journey, the learning, and the connection to nature.

Every bloom is a little celebration of your care and patience.

So, step back, breathe in that heavenly scent, and give yourself a pat on the back.

You're not just growing roses – you're cultivating beauty, joy, and a little bit of magic in your corner of the world.



Module 9

FRAGRANT FAREWELLS

Rose Growing Roundup

**We've come to the end of our rosy adventure!
Let's recap what we've learned.**

Key Takeaways:

- Roses are for everyone – not just expert gardeners
- Choose roses suited to your space and UK climate
- Good soil, proper watering, and sunlight are essential
- Pruning is your secret weapon for healthy roses
- Eco-friendly pest control keeps roses and the environment happy
- Winter protection ensures beautiful spring blooms
- Enjoy the journey as much as the blooms!

Remember. Every rose expert started as a beginner. Your rose-growing adventure is just beginning, and there's a whole community of rose lovers out there ready to support you.

Happy gardening!

"Peace"



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Rose Growing Roundup



Blooming Brilliant Resources

Ready to dive deeper? Here are some brilliant resources to continue your rosy education:

- Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)** - www.rhs.org.uk
 Their rose care guides are top-notch and tailored for UK growers.
- GardenersWorld.com**
 Packed with practical advice and inspirational ideas.
- Rose UK Forum** - www.rosesuk.com/forum
 Connect with fellow UK rose growers, ask questions, and share your successes.
- Local Rose Societies:**
 Many areas have local groups – a great way to meet fellow enthusiasts and even swap cuttings!

Happy rose growing, and may your garden always be in bloom!



Remember, every rose you plant adds a bit more beauty to the world. So go on, get your hands dirty, embrace the occasional thorn, and watch your garden transform into a fragrant paradise.

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OK. So what's the next part of the journey.


I hope this guide has ignited your passion for rose growing. Remember, this is just the beginning of your rosy adventure!

My forthcoming in-depth course builds upon this foundation, offering a more comprehensive and personalised approach to rose cultivation. You'll gain expert knowledge on specific varieties, advanced care techniques, and solutions to common challenges.

Whether you're cultivating a single-potted rose or planning a grand rose garden, my course will equip you with the skills to achieve spectacular results. Stay tuned for more information on how to take your rose growing to the next level!

May your garden bloom with beauty and your rose journey bring you joy. Remember, every petal unfurled is a triumph! This is Ian wishing you "Happy growing"





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