



## **First Delight Rose** *Rosa 'First Delight'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Group/Class: Shrub Rose

### **Description:**

A stunning favorite with single true pink flowers that emerge from rich deep rose flower buds, blooms all season long for a wonderful garden performance; nice for cutting, one of the most delicate looking of all roses

### **Ornamental Features**

First Delight Rose features showy clusters of lightly-scented white flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the branches from late spring to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

### **Landscape Attributes**

First Delight Rose is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease
- Spiny

First Delight Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



*First Delight Rose flowers*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

First Delight Rose will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.