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# **Itty Bitty Pink Rose**

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# Itty Bitty Pink Rose Rosa 'Meilezpha'

Height: 18 inches Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: Grain de Beaute Rose

Group/Class: Miniature Rose

### **Description:**

This vividly colored and vigorous variety produces large clusters of salmon-pink double blooms on compact, dense plants; excellent for smaller garden areas, groundcover and containers



Itty Bitty Pink Rose flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

## **Ornamental Features**

Itty Bitty Pink Rose features showy clusters of salmon cup-shaped flowers with pink overtones and gold eyes at the ends of the branches from late spring to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage which emerges light green in spring. The glossy oval compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall colour.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Itty Bitty Pink 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance 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;

- Spiny

Itty Bitty Pink Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

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#### **Planting & Growing**

Itty Bitty Pink Rose will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Itty Bitty Pink Rose makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.