

English Roses for Central Texas

English Roses are and were developed by David Austin to be disease resistant and have large fragrant flowers with repeat blooming. The parentage of English roses includes antique or old roses crossed with shrub roses many of which perform well in our climate. Due to our warm climate many of the English roses obtain larger sizes than listed and are more fragrant.



Always plant roses where they receive a minimum of 8 hours of sunlight a day and excellent air circulation. Most of the English roses will exhibit black spot; spray them with neem oil very early in the morning every 14 days to deter this fungus, also pick any infected leaves and throw them in the trash. Spraying with seaweed every 10 days is an excellent practice for the health of your roses. To treat for powder use a mild spray with skim milk (one quarter cup per gallon) or baking soda (two tablespoons per gallon.) Roses are heavy feeders; during the growing season, fertilize them monthly; stop the fertilizer the first week of October.

A note on English roses - English roses may be purchased on their own roots. Often English roses are grafted for more northern climates. Ask the retailer who you are purchasing your roses from if they are grafted, as they may offer “own root roses.” All of the roses listed below are repeat bloomers; some are more prolific repeat bloomers than others (Molineaux - an exceptional repeat bloomer).

Tamora

Color apricot average size 3 x 3 ft stays short in warm climates

Graham Thomas

Deep yellow 5 x 4 or 10-12 feet as a climber produces hips in the fall
Works well as a climber, one of the most popular English roses

Molineaux

Yellow with peach during cool seasons 3 x 2

Heritage

Medium pink works well as a small climber (7 ft) or may be trained as a large shrub 5x4

Charles Darwin

Lemony yellow 3.5 x 3

Shrub rose, excellent repeating some of the largest blooms found among English roses

Golden Celebration

Rich yellow 4.5 x 4.5 or 8ft as a climber; very large flowers

A Shropshire Lad

Peachy pink 5 x 4 or 8ft as a climber

Abraham Darby

Apricot and yellow tinted with pink 5x5 or 8ft as a climber

Leander

Deep apricot 6 x 5 small flowers (but lots of them) disease resistant

Jude the Obscure

Medium yellow 4 x 4 (to 8 feet as a climber)

Ann Boleyn

Pink 3 x 3 excellent repeat flowering

Pat Austin

Copper/orange 4.5 x 4

Lilian Austin

Dark pink 4 x 3 excellent disease resistance, flower has wavy petals

Othello

Red/crimson 5 x 4 very hardy

Winchester Cathedral

White 4 x 4 hips in fall

William Shakespeare

Crimson 4 x 3 very disease resistant

Mary Magdalene

Light pink 3 x 3

Charles Rennie Mackintosh

Lilac pink 4.5 x 3 excellent disease resistance

Heavenly Rosalind

Pink with white center 4.5 x 4 excellent shrub for a border

Fair Bianca

Pure white 3.5 x 2.5 strong fragrance

Prospero

Crimson 3 x 3

Charity

Apricot/yellow 4 x 3

Sophy's Rose

Light Red 3 x 2.5 stays short in warmer climates