



## Emerald Goddess Gardens

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Botanical Name	Rosa chinensis Tiffany x Jersey Beauty
Common Name	Belinda's Dream
Mature Size	4-6' x4-6'
Bloom Color	Pastel Pink
Bloom Period	Perpetual
Bloom Form	Large Tea Rose
Water	Moderate
Light	Full Sun
USDA Zone	5 – 9
Fragrance	High
Uses	Specimen, Potted or Hedge
Special Features	Profuse Large Bloom EZ Care



**Belinda's Dream** is a gorgeous repeat bloomer that is not a grafted rose or an antique rose. It is a hybrid seedling cross from Tiffany x Jersey Beauty hybridized by Dr. Robert Basye, an expert rosarian and Math Professor at Texas A&M University.

It grows into a lush full bush on its own roots and is exceptionally easy to care for, and reliably produces an abundance of highly fragrant, large, doubled, classic tea shaped flowers in a clear medium tone of pink.

The flower stems are long enough for cut flower arrangements, and the flowers last for several days or longer if cut in the bud stage. The bush will grow to an average of 5 to 6 feet in height if left to its own design. It performs well across a wide range of climates and holds up very well through the hot summers of the Deep South. This rose is on both the Texas AM Texas Superstar™ and Earthkind™ lists.

Dr. Basye named the rose after the daughter of a friend, and introduced it into the commercial market in 1992 without seeking a patent. **Belinda's Dream** is considered to be one of his best rose achievements. There is very little to find fault with in this rose. It has the rare distinction of being both cold hardy (to -15 degrees) and heat tolerant, is a full rounded bushy plant that grows on its own strong sturdy nematode resistant roots. The dense blue green foliage is highly disease resistant.

Direct planting of 4 inch starter roses is not recommended, so for the best results we suggest planting the new starter into a larger pot and allowing it to grow a bit larger before setting it out.

When the new pot has filled with roots and is ready to be planted, here are a few hints for successful growing outdoors within the recommended USDA Zone Range (5 to 9).

- Plant in well draining, loose, fertile, slightly acidic soil. Amend with high quality organic material as needed.
- Select a location in full sun
- Supply supplemental irrigation. Roses perform best with drip style irrigation, and prefer to dry out a bit between thorough waterings.
- Apply a high quality bloom boosting fertilizer with the initial planting and twice yearly thereafter.
- Prune after flowering to encourage repeat flowering, bushiness, shape and to control size.
- Plant early in the season in colder Zones, and mulch heavily well ahead of the first frost.

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## Care of Your New Rose

Here are a few basic guidelines for handling and caring for your new rose:

Direct planting of 4 inch starter size roses directly into the landscape is not recommended. So, for the best results with your new plant we suggest that it be re-potted into a larger pot and allowed to grow larger until the new pot is filled with roots before setting out.

- Immediately re-pot the new plant into a 6 inch to 10 inch diameter pot that can drain easily and thoroughly.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media.
- Apply a high quality, slow release plant food according to the label directions. **DO NOT** use hot, all chemical fertilizers like 6-6-6 or 10-10-10.
- Locate so that the plant can receive direct, full spectrum light for several hours daily. Roses have high light needs and will grow poorly and fail to flower when planted in shade.
- Maintain consistent and uniform moisture in the soil. Take care not to over water. Roses prefer to be watered thoroughly and deeply and then allowed to dry down slightly between waterings.
- Reuse moisture crystals with great care. These can be a very useful tool for conserving water, but holds 6000 times their weight and water. If you use them, monitor the soil moisture level carefully for over saturation until you are familiar with how they work.
- If reusing the crystals, mix and incorporate them thoroughly throughout the potting media.
- Be sure the pot can drain and that the bottom of the pot does not sit submerged in water.
- Supplement feed with a water soluble plant food every 2-3 weeks according to the label directions.
- Prune and pinch lightly, and often when the plant is young and actively growing to strengthen the central stalk and encourage branching and build uniform shape.
- Monitor for signs of disease or insects and treat accordingly. Well established heirloom roses seldom need spraying, however for the best results symptoms in young plants should be treated appropriately and quickly.
- Protect from freezing until very well established.

**ROSES ARE GENERALLY NOT SUITABLE FOR GROWING OR HOLDING INDOORS.**

**IF ROSES MUST BE BROUGHT INDOORS FOR COLD PROTECTION IT SHOULD BE THE SHORTEST PERIOD OF TIME POSSIBLE. ADEQUATE LIGHT AND AIR CIRCULATION ARE ESSENTIAL.**

**ROSES CAN DECLINE VERY QUICKLY UNDER AVERAGE INDOOR CONDITIONS.**

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