



Rose (Climbing), Kiss Me Kate
Rosa 'Kiss Me'

Height: 7 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Group/Class: Climbing; Easy Elegance Rose

Description:

This is one of the most fragrant roses in the Easy Elegance Collection; it bears clusters of large, double, clear pink blooms reminiscent of English roses; flowers all season and is especially attractive in the perennial border; highly disease resistant

Ornamental Features

Rose (Climbing), Kiss Me Kate features showy fragrant salmon flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the branches from late spring to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has light green deciduous foliage which emerges red in spring. The oval compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Rose (Climbing), Kiss Me Kate 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. Each spring, cut back all dead and two-year old canes to the ground, leaving only last year's growth standing. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Rose (Climbing), Kiss Me Kate is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



Rose (Climbing), Kiss Me Kate flowers
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Planting & Growing

Rose (Climbing), Kiss Me Kate will grow to be about 7 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast 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. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.