Rose (Hybrid Tea), About Face

Rosa 'About Face'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Group/Class: Hybrid Tea Rose

Description:

A novel 'backwards' bicolor grandiflora; golden yellow, salmon on the inside pink on the outside; repeat-blooming with a tall, spreading habit; hardy and resistant to disease, a pleasant all-round garden shrub; needs full sun and well-drained soil

Ornamental Features

Rose (Hybrid Tea), About Face is smothered in stunning semi-double salmon flowers with pink overtones and 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 which emerges dark red in spring. The oval compound leaves turn yellow in fall. The spiny brick red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Rose (Hybrid Tea), About Face 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. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. 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;



Rose (Hybrid Tea), About Face flowers
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Rose (Hybrid Tea), About Face flowers (faded)
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- Spiny

Rose (Hybrid Tea), About Face is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



Rose (Hybrid Tea), About Face flowers
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Planting & Growing

Rose (Hybrid Tea), About Face will grow to be about 5 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 medium 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. 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.