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About Face Rose

Rosa 'About Face'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

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



About Face Rose flowers
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About Face Rose flowers (faded)
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Ornamental Features

About Face Rose is smothered in stunning lightly-scented semi-double salmon flowers with pink overtones and yellow eyes at the ends of the branches from late spring to late summer. 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

About Face 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 is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care 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;

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- Disease
- Spiny

About Face Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



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Planting & Growing

About Face Rose will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.