

# Picking a Pot For Your Roses

There really is no limit when choosing a pot for your roses. To prove that point try going to a large nursery and notice all the different pot sizes shapes and styles they use.

The most important aspect of choosing a pot is simply to make sure that you like it. You want to compliment your beautiful roses with a handsome looking pot. You might want to match the decor or create a theme, and an elegant set of pots will go a long way to create the atmosphere you desire.

Once you've decided on the basic look you're after, you might want to consider some of the physical characteristics of the different types of containers. For instance, some have a much longer lifespan than others, some dry out quicker than others, some are quite heavy to move around, while others are very lightweight.

Clay pots – Clay pots are generally attractive, come in a variety of styles, and are for the most part affordable. Terra-cotta is the most common, but is subject to breaking and chipping. Also, a common feature of terra-cotta is the fact that it is porous and permits the soil to dry out quickly. Also in the clay pot category are glazed pots, which can be quite colorful but also will hold onto water for a longer period of time. You will however pay more for these.

Plastic pots – these will come in many shapes, sizes and colors. You can even get some plastic pots that look just like clay pots or wood pots. They can be very lightweight, are quite inexpensive and will keep the soil moist for a longer span than clay pots will. Cheap plastic pots are subject to

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breakdown from sun exposure. After being in the sun for a few years, they will very often get brittle and break.

Wooden pots – wood pots can be relatively affordable, and come in many shapes, sizes, and weights. You've probably seen the popular half barrels that look like wine casks. If you are good with woodworking, you might consider making your own wood pots. The main downside to wooden pots is that the wood tends to rot from being in constant contact with the wet soil. However if you can get your hands on containers made from rot-resistant wood such as cedar or redwood, you'll be in good shape.

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