

roses at sissinghurst



meadow. Its large, single, pink flowers surround a circle of gold stamens.

3m. RHS H7, USDA 4a-8b.

13 R. 'Constance Spry'

This climber/shrub rose is named after the florist who did so much to popularise old roses. Clear-pink, double flowers are cupped at first and smell of myrrh.

2.5m. AGM. RHS H6, USDA 5a-10b.

14 R. 'De Resht'

A damask/gallica rose introduced by Nancy Lindsay. Fuschia-red flowers with purple tints are abundant and are held above the foliage on short stems.

1.2m. AGM. RHS H7, USDA 4a-9b.

15 R. 'Duplex'

Formerly known as R. 'Wolley-Dod', this shrub rose grows in deep shade at Sissinghurst, its pink flowers contrasting beautifully with the healthy foliage. 3m.

16 R. 'Dusky Maiden'

A floribunda rose worth growing for its colouring and used by Vita in the Cottage Garden at Sissinghurst. Healthy foliage is attractively tinted copper-red when young.

1.2m. USDA 6a-10b.

17 R. 'Fantin-Latour'

A rose of centifolia origins has large, circular and cupped pale-pink flowers with a powerful scent. Forms a rounded bush with broad, dark-green leaves.

2.4m. AGM. RHS H7, USDA 4a-9b.

18 R. 'Felicia'

Musk rose, whose flowers are pink with salmon shadings with a definite silvery finish and repeat well through the year. The foliage has a crisp, mid-green colour and is attractively crinkled at the edges.

3m. AGM. RHS H6, USDA 6a-10b.

19 R. 'Félicité Perpétue'

A late-flowering sempervirens climber. We prune it very little yet it is still covered with double, creamy-white flowers, making it suitable for scrambling through a low hedge. 6m. AGM. RHS H7, USDA 6a-10b.

20 R. 'Flora'

The rose expert Graham Stuart Thomas suggested growing this up a wall so new growths can fall forward and cover the plant with a sheet of bloom. At Sissinghurst Vita grew it through an old apple tree. 4.5m.

21 R. 'Francis E Lester'

A modern, vigorous climber of interesting colouring and an intriguing fragrance of banana and oranges. Large trusses of flowers are followed by a rash of bright-red hips lasting into winter.

6m. AGM. RHS H6, USDA 5a-10b.

22 R. 'Fritz Nobis'

A worthy, modern shrub rose from the German breeder Kordes. Soft, blush-pink flowers are followed by impressively large hips. 2.4m. AGM. RHS H7, USDA 4a-9b.

23 R. 'Geranium'

Vita planted this *moyesii* hybrid in the Top Courtyard where it still thrives today. 2.4m. AGM. RHS H7, USDA 5a-9b.

24 R. 'Henri Martin'

Loved by Vita for its rich colouring. The flowers are an intense crimson and are held in profusion on wiry stems. It grows well at Sissinghurst in a shady, north-facing corner of a bed. 2.4m. AGM. USDA 4a-9b.