



Pruning Knockout Roses

The series of Knockout roses have single handedly changed rose gardening forever. Now anyone with at least six hours of sun can grow these showy landscape plants with very little care required. Knockouts are self cleaning, so the dead blooms do not need to be trimmed off. Often, they will grow very quickly if they are given good soil, food and water. You can shape up your Knockout roses at anytime of the year. Heavy pruning during the blooming season will stop the blooming for four to six weeks, however, it will not harm the plant in any way.

The best time for heavy pruning of Knockout roses is in mid-March. Trim your Knockouts back to 12" to 18" tall in March and start feeding them in April. Yes, they will bloom without food, but they will flourish and explode with color if fed. Holcombs recommends watering with Root Stimulator when they are first planted. Beginning in April, feed Knockouts about every four to six weeks with either; Fertilome Rose Food, Espoma Rose-tone, or Mill's Magic Rose Mix. At the end of the year, when the roses are going dormant, you should cut them back to about three feet tall and wait until March for the heaviest pruning. If you never prune them, they will continue to grow larger and larger. With food and water they will continue to bloom, pruned or not.



**The Original
Cherry-red
Knock-out Rose**



**Pink
Knock-out Rose**



**Blushing
Knock-out Rose**



**Rainbow
Knock-out Rose**



**Double Red
Knock-out Rose**



**Double Pink
Knock-out Rose**



**Sunny
Knock-out Rose**



**White -Out
Knock-out Rose**



**A Knockout rose:
from a full, five foot blooming
machine. To a heavy pruned
plant waiting for
the next spring.**

