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1 Claim

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of hardy, dwarf, bush type rose plant of the miniature class; the variety being primarily characterized—
as to novelty—by pink buds and flowers which in general
color effect are medium to light pink with a slight lavender
cast, similar in color to (but deeper) Ellen Poulsen
(polyantha—not patented).

The variety is further characterized by:

An abundance of bloom, with flowers generally borne
in clusters of 3 to 5 or more to the stem.

Little or no fragrance.

A plant which is vigorous, of rounded spreading shape
and with small, medium green, glossy foliage with pointed
leaflets; the buds and flowers being similar in form and
size to Dian (miniature—Plant Pat. 1,808). The plant,
which has a normal height of 6–9 inches, can easily be
maintained at lesser height by occasional trimming.

A plant which grows and blooms satisfactorily both in
greenhouse and outdoors; is good for growing in pots;
and provides excellent garden decoration as well as cut
flowers.

The present variety of miniature rose was originated
by me at my nursery located at Visalia, Calif., under con-
ditions of careful control and observation, as a cross
between Ellen Poulsen (polyantha—not patented) as the
seed parent and Little Chief (miniature—not patented)
as the pollen parent.

Subsequent to origination of the variety I successfully
asexually reproduced it, in my nursery located as afore-
said, by budding as well as by cuttings; the reproductions
having run true in all respects.

The color photograph illustrates the variety, including
foliage, buds and flowers.

Referring now specifically to the new and distinct va-
riety of miniature rose plant, the following is a detailed
description thereof in outline; all major color plate iden-
tification being by reference to the British Colour Coun-
cil Horticultural Colour Chart, except where common
terms of color definition are employed.

Type: Hardy; dwarf; bush; seedling; greenhouse; out-
doors; cut flowers; garden decoration potted plant.
Class: Miniature.

Flowers: Continuity continuous—repeat bloom all sea-
son—fragrance; little or none.

Flowers borne: Several together in clusters on slender,
short stems.

Quantity of bloom: Abundant both outside and in green-
house.

Bud: Peduncle—short; slender but sturdy; erect; medium
green.

Hairs—usually none. Before calyx breaks: size—small.

Form—short pointed to globular; with few or no foli-
aceous appendages and usually no hairs on surface of
bud; with foliaceous parts extending beyond the tip of
the bud equal to less than one half of its length.

Color—Medium green. As calyx breaks: color—red-
dish, often with some green at base. As first petal opens:
same general color; size—small.

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Bloom:

Size when fully open.—Small, averaging about 1"
(25–28 mm.).

Petalage.—Double, 40–50 petals (plus several small
petaloids) arranged irregularly.

Form.—Very full; petals rolled loosely outward.
Petals: Fairly thick; satiny on both inside and outside
surfaces.

Shape.—Outside petals, broad lanceolate with
rounded tip;

Intermediate.—Broad lanceolate with rounded tip;

Inside.—Lanceolate.

Color: Newly opened flower from a plant grown in plas-
tic greenhouse (January 1975), Visalia, Calif.

Outside petal.—Outside surface—Fuchsine Pink
627/1, shading into near white on lower one-third
of petal; Inside surface—Fuchsine Pink 627/1,
blending into near white on lower one-fourth of
petal.

Intermediate petal.—Outside surface—Fuchsine Pink
627/1, blending into near white on lower one-
fourth of petal; Inside surface—Fuchsine Pink
627/1, blending into near white on lower one-
fourth of petal.

Inner petal.—Outside surface.—Fuchsine Pink 627/1,
blending into near white on lower one-fourth of
petal. Inside surface—same as outside surface.

General color effect of newly opened flowers.—
Medium pink with soft lavender tint.

Three days open.—About same color.

Behaviour.—As flowers age color may become lighter
shade.

Flower longevity (September, 1974) bush in garden
or pot.—5–6 days or longer. Cut flowers at living
room temperature—4–5 days.

Reproductive organs:

Stamens.—Few or none.

Filaments.—Short; color yellow (if present).

Anthers.—Yellow.

Pollen.—Scarce or none.

Pistils.—Few to average number.

Styles.—Fairly even; bunched; color—greenish.

Ovaries.—All enclosed.

Hips.—None.

Seeds.—None.

Foliage:

Leaves.—Compound of five, often seven, leaflets;
abundant; small; leathery; glossy.

Leaflets.—Shape: Lanceolate; apex acute; base less
acute. Margin: serrate. Color: normal green.
Rachis: Medium long; narrow to medium width;
grooved, with several small thorns or prickles on
lower edge.

Stipules.—Medium long; medium width; narrow
points may turn out at an angle of more or less
than 45 degrees.

Growth:

Habit.—Dwarf; very bushy; rounded; much
branched, tending to grow broader than tall.

Growth.—Free; vigorous.

Canes.—Medium; sturdy; slender.

Main stems.—Color: medium green. May darken
with age.

Thorns.—Quite thorny; medium length; curved down-
ward; color—brown.

Prickles.—None; Hairs: none.

Branches.—Color—medium green; thorns—quite
thorny; medium length; slender; curved downward.

Relatively long oval base. Prickles—none; hairs—none.

New shoots.—Color—medium green. Thorns: quite thorny; medium length; slender; curved downward; base oval. Prickles: none; hairs—none.

The miniature rose plant and its flowers as herein described may vary in slight detail due to climatic, soil and cultural conditions under which the variety may be grown; the present description being of the variety as grown at Visalia, Calif.

The following is claimed:

1. A new and distinct variety of miniature rose plant of hardy, dwarf, rounded, much branched, bush type, as illustrated and described, characterized by buds and flow-

ers resembling the Dian miniature rose (Plant Pat. 1,808) in general form of bud and flower, the color, generally, being a lighter shade of pink with often a magenta or lavender tint and the petals tending to be more numerous, the general color effect being medium to lighter pink; and further characterized by a plant which is vigorous in growth, of dense compact habit, tending to become more wide than tall, easy to propagate from cuttings; with small, glossy, disease resistant foliage; the plant tending to flower profusely, in clusters, even when very small.

No references cited.

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