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(54) **MINIATURE ROSE PLANT NAMED**
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

This invention relates to a new and distinct variety of
miniature rose plant primarily identified by its light pink
buds and flowers, hybrid tea form and glossy dark green
foliage.

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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 buds and flowers of a light pink color which generally are
of exhibition (hybrid tea) form.

The variety is further characterized by:

An abundance of bloom, with flowers often borne singly
and also several to the stem in loose clusters.

Medium fragrance.

A plant which is vigorous, upright shape with medium
growth habit and dark green glossy foliage.

A plant which has an average height by 14–24 inches, can
easily be maintained at lesser height by occasional trim-
ming.

A plant which grows and blooms satisfactorily both in the
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 in my hybridizing garden located at Franklin, Tenn.
under conditions of careful control and observation, as a
cross between miniature rose Loving Touch (not patented) as
the seed parent and the hybrid tea, White Masterpiece (U.S.
Plant Pat. No. 2,998) as the pollen parent.

Subsequent to origination of the variety, I successfully
asexually reproduced it at my hybridizing garden, located as
aforesaid, by cuttings; the reproductions having run true in
all respects.

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

Referring now specifically to the new and distinct variety
of miniature rose plant, the following is a detailed descrip-
tion thereof in outline; all major color plate identifications
being by reference to The Royal Horticultural Society
Colour Chart, except where common terms of color defini-
tion are employed.

Class: Miniature. **Variety identification :** TUCkamy
(Commercial synonym: Amy Grant).

FLOWER

Observations made from specimens grown in a garden
environment at Franklin, Tenn. in May 1995 through Sep-
tember 1999.

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Blooming habit: Continuous.

Bud:

Size.— $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long when the petals start to unfurl.

Form.—The bud form is a pointed oval shape and of
medium length.

Color.—When the sepals first divide, bud color is Red
Purple Group 68D.

Sepals.—**Color:** Medium green. **Surface texture:**
Smooth.

Peduncle.—**Length:** Medium to long. 1 to 2.5 inches.
Surface: Mostly smooth. Some very fine hairs.
Strength: Stiff. **Color:** Light green.

Bloom:

Size.—Medium to Large for a dwarf-type rose; Average
open size is 2 to 3 inches across.

Borne.—Singly and sometimes in clusters of 2 to 4
flowers.

Stems.—Long and strong.

Form.—High centered; exhibition; Reflexed petals;
When fully open stamens show.

Petalage.—Double; Number of petals under normal
conditions: 17–25. Arranged regularly plus some
small petaloids. Petals have medium substance.

Color.—The Bud color is Red Purple Group 68D. The
petals' upper and lower sides at $\frac{3}{4}$ open stage to fully
open appear to the eye as very light pink. Actual
color is White Group 155C. There can be some slight
hints of yellow near the petals' base in cool weather
with petals color Red Purple Group 68D in center
petals and outer petals changing to White Group
155B. The petals tend to be almost white in hot
weather.

Variations.—None.

Discoloration.—The general tonality at the end of the
first day: No change. At the end of the third day:
Some fading. At the end of the bloom cycle fades
almost white.

Fragrance.—Medium Fragrance.

Reproductive parts:

Anthers.—**Size:** Medium; **Quantity:** Many; **Color:**
Medium Yellow; **Arrangement:** Regular around
styles.

Filaments.—Varying length, mostly short, yellowish.

Pollen.—**Quantity:** Very heavy; **Color:** Golden yellow.

Styles.—**Color:** reddish.

Stigmas.—Color: light yellow.

Ovaries.—All enclosed in calyx.

Hips.—Sets Hips readily.

Seeds.—Medium to Large for Dwarf plant.

Growth:

Habit.—Dwarf; mostly upright; vigorous to 24 inches.

Foliage:

Leaflets.—Number on normal mid-stem leaves: 5 or 7.

Size.—Small to Medium; Leaflets vary in length from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Quantity.—Abundant.

Color.—New foliage: Upper side Green Group 139A;
Under side Green Group 137D.

Old foliage.—Upper surface: Green Group 133A;
Lower surface: Green Group 139C.

Leaflets:

Shape.—Pointed oval.

Texture.—Smooth; Glossy.

Edge.—Serrated.

Serration.—Single, small.

Petiole rachis.—Smooth and light green.

Petiole underside.—Smooth.

Stipules.—Medium to short length ($\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch).

Wood:

New wood.—Color: Reddish but turns light green very quickly. Bark smooth.

Old wood.—Color: medium green; Bark smooth.

Prickles:

Quantity.—Average.

Form.—Varying sizes from small prickles to medium thorns; Medium thorn size ($\frac{3}{8}$ inch); Prickles straight and point down (approximately 45 degrees) from stem.

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 Franklin, Tenn.

The following is claimed:

1. A new and distinct variety of miniature rose plant of hardy, dwarf, upright habit, substantially as illustrated and described, characterized by buds and flowers of exhibition (hybrid tea) form, essentially light pink in color, with reverse the same, and further characterized by a plant of upright shape, vigorous, with the main stems and shoots being moderately thorny, the said plant being easy to propagate from cuttings, with an abundance of flowers borne singly or several to a stem.

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