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(54) **MINIATURE ROSE PLANT NAMED**
‘TUCKTOMMY’

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

This invention relates to a new and distinct variety of
miniature rose plant primarily identified by its medium
yellow buds and flowers, garden rose form and medium
green matte 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 uniform medium yellow color
which generally are of garden 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.

No fragrance.

A plant which is vigorous, bushy, round shape with
medium growth habit and medium green matte foliage.

A plant which has an average height of 14–20 inches, and
can easily be maintained at lesser height by occasional
trimming.

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 Rise ‘n Shine (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 4,231) as
the seed parent and the miniature rose, Captivation (not
patented) 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: TUCKtommy
(Commercial synonym: Little Tommy Tucker).

FLOWER

Observations made from specimens grown in a garden
environment at Franklin, Tenn. in May 1996 through Sep-
tember 1999.

Blooming habit: Continuous.

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Bud:

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

Form.—The bud form is oval shaped and of medium
length.

Color.—When the sepals first divide, bud color is
Yellow Orange Group 21C.

Sepals.—Color: Medium green. Surface texture:
Mostly smooth.

Peduncle.—Length: Short to medium. $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch.
Surface: Smooth. Strength: Stiff. Color: Light green.

Bloom:

Size.—Medium for a dwarf-type rose; Average open
size is 2.0 inches across.

Borne.—Singly and sometimes in clusters of 2 to 6
flowers.

Stems.—Small and strong.

Form.—High centered only at first opening; Reflexed
petals; Opens quickly. When fully open stamens
show.

Petalage.—Double; Number of petals under normal
conditions: 15–25. Arranged regularly plus some
small petaloids. Petals have average substance.

Color.—The petals’ upper and lower sides begin at
Yellow Orange Group 21 C and fade over a Period of
days to Yellow Orange Group 19D.

Variegations.—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 to
light yellow.

Fragrance.—None.

Reproductive parts:

Anthers.—Size: Medium; Quantity: Many; Color: Yel-
low; Arrangement: Regular around styles.

Filaments.—Varying length, short to medium long,
yellow.

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

Styles.—Color: Yellow.

Stigmas.—Color: Light yellow to Light green.

Ovaries.—All enclosed in calyx.

Hips.—Sets Hips readily.

Seeds.—Small to medium size and fairly regular
(round) for dwarf type plant.

Growth:

Habit.—Dwarf; mostly upright; vigorous to 20 inches.

Foliage:

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

Size.—Medium; Leaflets vary in length from ½ to 2 inches.

Quantity.—Abundant.

Color.—New foliage: Reddish Purple changing to Medium green.

Old foliage.—Upper surface: Green Group 137A.

Lower surface: Green Group 138B.

Leaflets:

Shape.—Pointed oval.

Texture.—Some; Slightly smooth; dull/matte.

Edge.—Serrated.

Serration.—Single, small.

Petiole rachis.—Smooth and light green. Some reddish coloration on new growth.

Petiole underside.—Smooth and Light Green.

Stipules.—Medium to short length (¼ to ½ inch)

Wood:

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

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

Prickles:

Quantity.—Average Number.

Form.—Varying sizes from small prickles to medium thorns; Medium thorn size (¼ to ½ inch); Prickles project straight from stem and some hooked slightly down.

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 garden form, essentially medium yellow in color, with reverse same, and further characterized by a plant of bushy 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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