

ROSES FROM CUTTINGS

MESA-EAST VALLEY ROSE SOCIETY

Styrofoam cups
Peat Moss or Soil and Sand, Mix 3 parts sand to one part soil
Pencil
Plastic Bag or Bottle
Root Hormone
Clippers
Cuttings

Punch 4-5 holes in the bottom of the cup, fill with soil-sand mixture. Water thoroughly. Punch hole in center of soil. Take cutting and using clippers, scrape 1/2 inch below bud-eye. Allow at least one bud-eye below the soil and one above the soil. Dip the end of the cutting in rooting hormone, shake off excess. Place the cutting in the hole and push the soil around the cutting.

Cover the cutting with the plastic bag or bottle, keep in area with filtered sunlight. Keep the soil moist, <u>not wet.</u> Allow six to eight weeks for the cutting to leaf out. When you see the fine root hairs coming thru the bottom of the cup, cut a hole in the plastic bag or remove the cap from the top of the bottle.

Leave for one week, then carefully peel away the Styrofoam cup (be careful not to injure the new roots) and transplant to a 4" pot or into the ground. Do not fertilize until after the first bloom.