

How to Count Roses

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When you reach your self-imposed limit but just gotta have more ... this friendly rosy math guide might really come in handy.

1. Mini roses don't count.
2. Floribundias because they are not full-fledged hybrid teas count as half.
3. Shrubs, climbers, ramblers, old garden roses don't count because they can be considered 'landscaping'.
4. Roses not planted, or in pots don't count.
5. Discounted roses count as half.
6. Roses received as gifts don't count.
7. Odd numbers must always be rounded off. If you're out of room, round the number down. For every one hundred, divide by two. This is known as 'stock split'.
8. Roses whose names you don't know or can't remember obviously don't count.
9. Roses that are on 'Shovel Prune Watch' don't count; the roses that replace them also don't count as they cancel each other out.
10. Duplicates/multiples count as one as they are considered a set.
11. Roses that are not planted in a bed don't count.
12. Bare roots don't count because they are dormant when they arrive: once you plant them and they start to bud out, well, you've already done your count, so you will have to wait until next season by which time you will be sure you already counted them.
13. Mislabeled roses don't count because you already have one of them somewhere and it has probably already been counted.
14. Anything less than a Grade 1 counts only as a fraction and since fractions are not whole numbers they can be rounded off (remember the rounding off rule)
15. Roses that you think you might give away can be excluded from the count; if you wind up keeping them, oh well.
16. Hybrid Teas that get huge and wind up taking more space should be counted twice but remember the duplicate rule.
17. Now if after counting you have under a hundred roses, you must immediately place some orders and they don't count because they are in transit and therefore not in the ground.
18. Roses ordered on a whim really don't count because they were never on a list. (This is known as the list rule: if it's not on a list, it doesn't exist.)
19. If you cut many roses and give them away, this is considered Charity and everyone knows that you get special allowance for Charity which brings us to
20. Tax Deductions: (see Claiming Roses as Dependents.)

See? You really don't have as many as you thought you did. Time to go order some more!