



How To Prune Roses Checklist

Supplies and tools needed.

- _____ Sharp bypass hand pruners.
- _____ Long handled loppers.
- _____ Pair of leather gloves.
- _____ Long sleeved shirt to protect your arms.
- _____ Wheelbarrow or a garbage can.
- _____ Rubbing alcohol.

Pruning Steps

- _____ Make cuts at a 45° angle, 1/4" above outward facing buds.
- _____ Use your hand pruners for canes smaller than 1/2" in diameter.
- _____ Cut all larger canes and deadwood with long handled loppers.
- _____ Always wear leather gloves to protect your hands from rose thorns.
- _____ Start by pruning out deadwood or diseased wood.
- _____ Remove crisscrossing canes. Leave three to five main canes angling outward from the center of the bush.
- _____ Remove old, thin, and spindly canes, smaller than a pencil.
- _____ Cut the canes you're going to keep to one to three feet tall.
- _____ Use rubbing alcohol to disinfect your pruners after pruning each plant to prevent the spread of disease.