



## Blushing Drift® Rose

*Rosa 'Meifranjin'*

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Group/Class: Ground Cover Rose

### Description:

A low growing blanket of deep green foliage punctuated with multiple pale pink blooms that resembles a splashing fountain of color, requiring little pampering; perfect to create a definitive border or as a dazzling ground cover

### Ornamental Features

Blushing Drift Rose is draped in stunning semi-double shell pink flowers with yellow centers at the ends of the branches from early summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall colour. The fruits are showy red hips displayed in late fall.

### Landscape Attributes

Blushing Drift Rose is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Blushing Drift Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Blushing Drift Rose in bloom*  
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*Blushing Drift Rose flowers*  
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- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Blushing Drift Rose will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. To help this plant achieve its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Blushing Drift Rose makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.