

the bottom of the pot with fine gravel or charcoal, add some soil and set the plant at the proper growth height.

Continue to pack the soil, leaving a few inches between the solid level and the top to the pot for easier watering.

You can cover the topsoil with mulch or add a few annuals to dress up the container and add color before the roses start to bloom.

Feed the plant weekly with liquid plant food. Start with half-strength until good growth is established, then increase to full-strength as recommended on the label.

The container should be placed where the bush will get at least six hours of direct morning or midday sunlight. Keep the soil evenly moist at all times during the

growing season. Usually twice-a-week watering is sufficient, but the plant may require daily watering during hot spells.

Once you have mastered the basics of growing roses in containers, why not test your landscaping skills and design a mobile rose garden? You might choose to use a long planter and a screen to display your climbing roses and hide a cracked wall.

Tree roses in square boxes add a touch of elegance to a doorway. Plant your miniatures in exotic hanging baskets or unusual containers, such as a hollowed-out log or a clay teapot.

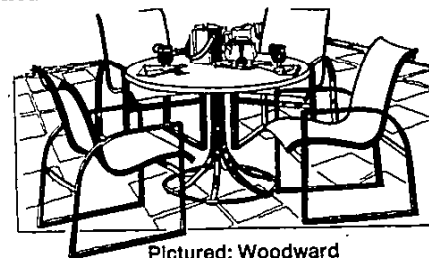
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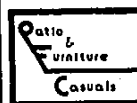
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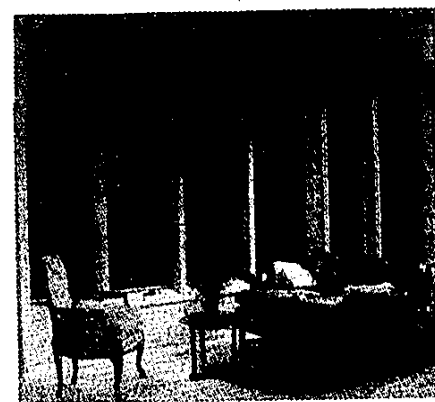
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