

Symbol of Love

Roses are special flowers in both their shape and colour. Their petals are fragile, and their leaves are shaped like hearts, so they create an unspoken statement of love; yet their thorns are sharp and painful, like the jealousy and pain that love can bring.

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The rose, called Rosa in Latin, comes from Persia. Roses have long been seen as gifts that symbolise the warmth and permanence of true love. The meaning of red roses is also consistent across many countries; Greek myth recounts that the goddess of beauty and love, Aphrodite, was born with a pure white rose, which was stained red by her blood. As she hurried to save her beloved, she was scratched by the thorn of a rose bush, and her blood dripped on the flowers, causing them to change from white to red. Thus, red roses are a symbol of love in both legend and appearance; a crimson rose says, 'I love you', and is a meaningful gift on any special occasion for two lovers.

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What do the thorns of a rose represent?

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In Greek legend, whose blood turned a white rose red?

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Who would you give a red rose to?