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Festive Fall Tablescapes

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hip on roses

Even after the blooms
are gone, roses live on

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Best Varieties for Colorful Hips:

- ① *Rosa alba* 'Semiplena': Substantial orange hips are produced in clusters on foot-long stems off the main canes in September.
- ② *Rosa canina*: No other hips exhibit such an interesting color change, starting out green with blushed flesh in July, turning deep burgundy in August and finally bright red in September.
- ③ *Rosa moyesii*: These hips are a highly blushed yellow to fiery red.
- ④ *Rosa rugosa*: Bright red hips the size of cherry tomatoes are produced, often while the plants are still flowering. These are the finest hips for use in rose jelly and rose hip tea.

ANY GARDENER KNOWS that roses make spectacular arrangements, but the question at hand is did you know that roses have hips? I mean, come on, I have seen my roses go leggy, but I certainly haven't been looking for hips on them.

All joking aside, my favorite time in my garden is when my roses are in full bloom. But after those beautiful flowers bloom and I don't deadhead them, they will go to seed. That seed is called a hip.

Rose hips have been around for centuries, as long as the roses they come from have been around. In the past, the hips were used as a source of food and medicine, like many of the other plants profiled in previous "Garden Party" columns.

Today many people still make jellies of rose hips and even claim it can heal arthritis. More to our purpose, however is the rose hips' use in décor and festive arrangements. So, just when you thought your roses were finished until spring, think again.

How It Works: All roses will produce hips, but ramblers seem to produce the largest ones with bright red and orange fall colors. In August stop all deadheading. Allow the flower to turn to seed. It will begin as green and turn to red and orange colors as the fall progresses. Cut and enjoy! ✨