

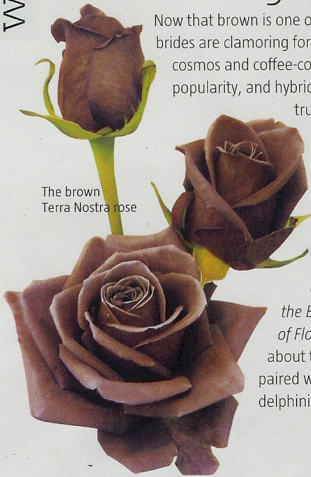
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Brown buds grow popular

Now that brown is one of the hottest colors for weddings, brides are clamoring for flowers in the haute hue. Chocolate cosmos and coffee-colored gerbera daisies have surged in popularity, and hybridizers recently developed the first

true-brown rose: the Terra Nostra, which has chocolate-colored petals and is gradually showing up in flower markets. "Before this, the closest to a brown rose was the Leonidas, which is more of a dusty orange," says flower expert Amy Stewart, author of the upcoming *Flower Confidential: The Good, the Bad, and the Beautiful in the Business of Flowers*. "There's something very classic about this one," she says. "It's beautiful paired with light-green Limbo roses, baby-blue delphinium and pale-pink hypericum berries."



The brown Terra Nostra rose