

STEP-OVER TREES

If you have a Step-over, this can be treated in the same way as a single-tier espalier. This involves pruning back the upright shoots in late summer to maintain the shape and to encourage flower-bud production.

CORDON TREES

When planting pull the tree to an angle of approx. 60 degrees and attach to a wire framework, prune all shoots coming from the tips of the branches back to three leaves from the old wood. Any shoots coming from the laterals further down can be pruned back to one leaf. The top should be left unpruned until the required height is reached and can then simply be pruned back to three leaves with the other branches in late summer.

With a **DOUBLE-U CORDON**, the principles are the same except the trees are grown upright in the normal way, and the resulting side-shoots are treated as a normal Cordon.

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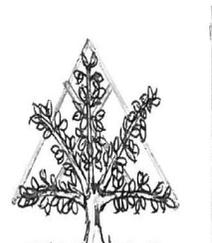
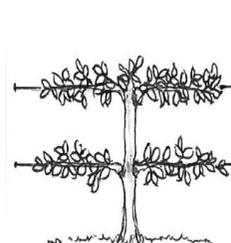
TRAINED FRUIT TREES CARE AND CULTIVATION

Please read and carefully follow our 'Planting, Watering Guide & Guarantee' leaflet.

Before planting, ensure any bamboo cane training framework is removed from the tree before it is attached to a new wire framework.

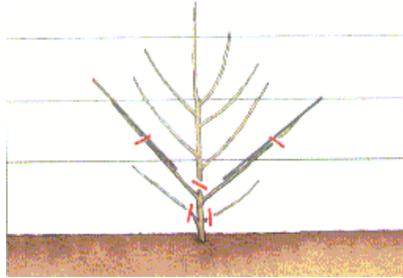
We recommend you use Mycorrhizal fungi when planting (Full instructions are on the packet). In addition, to give you lots of fruit, your fruit trees require plenty of feeding. Well rotted manure, bone meal or pelleted chicken manure are all ideal, incorporate a good handful in the bottom of the hole when planting and in subsequent years apply the same over a metre radius from the trunk at the end of March and again in late June.

Pruning is generally carried out in late summer - in the South of the UK this is generally the first week of August - in the North this is the first week of September.

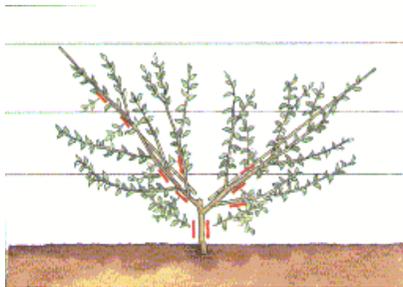


PRUNING FAN FRUIT TREES

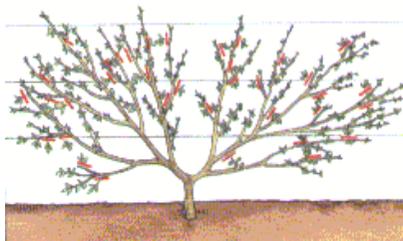
If you are starting off with a maiden tree -cut the main stem back by at least half. Tie the strongest two shoots to canes and fix to a wall.



For a 2 year-old tree and in following summers, tie in new shoots and cut out ones that are growing in the wrong direction.

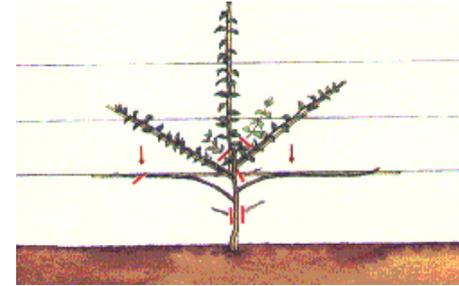


Continue to tie in new shoots to complete the fan shape and shorten side shoots in summer.

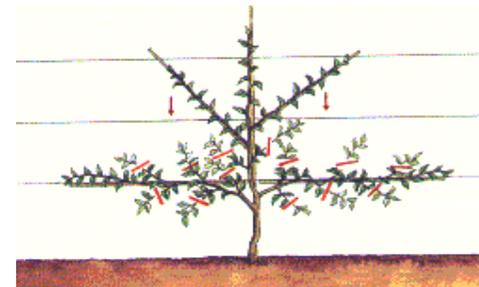


PRUNING ESPALIER FRUIT TREES

If you are starting with a maiden prune the stem back by half - in the following summer select two strong side shoots, secure them to canes and gently bend to horizontal. Tie in place



The following summer prune all side shoots back to four leaves and tie in two branches to form the next tier.



Once at the required height, cut back the leader and prune all new growth to three leaves.

