

Placement of the main branches

There are some guidelines applicable to the slanting style which have a definite effect on the final result.

Placement of the main branches is indicated below for the following variations of the slanting style:

The inswept crown



Figure 19

- For the inswept crown it is preferable to place the first main branch next to the trunk at an angle of about twenty five degrees.
- The second main branch is placed to the rear according to the spiral staircase technique.
- The third main branch is the most dominant branch and give flow and movement to the tree. It should also be the longest branch in the composition.

The semi-inswept crown



Figure 20

- In this case the third main branch is the crux of the variation. It is the most dominant branch and forms a vertical line together with the trunk.

The flowing slanting style

This style is reminiscent of the windswept style except that the branches are spread uniformly and do not all point in the same direction. The placement of the main branches is the same as for the inswept crown. The only difference is that the crown follows the line of the trunk. The main branches flowing against the trunk are normally placed at an acute angle of about twenty five degrees to the trunk. The main branches that move outwards form an angle of about forty five degrees with the trunk.