

Botanical Bonsai

Planting Instructions

Sowing The Seeds

Fill plant cell half way with the prepared coir. Add 2 seeds per cell and cover over with the remaining coir. Place in a warm position and water when needed. The coir should be damp to the touch but not waterlogged. When seedlings are large enough to handle they can be transplanted in to larger pots.

Seed Preparation

Juniper

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Sweet gum

This seed can be planted straight away.

Pine

This seed can be planted straight away. Soaking the seeds for 24 hours will soften the seed and speed up germination but this is not required.

Redbud

This variety has an extremely hard shell so lightly rub the seed with fine sandpaper to score the outer skin before soaking for 24 hours, The seeds can then be planted.

Larch

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Redbud

Cercis Chinensis

Redbud's make a particularly beautiful bonsai but they are known to be one of the harder specimens to grow. Perseverance and patients will ensure you get a stunning display of tightly compacted bright pink blooms.

- Expert difficulty rating
- Beautiful pink blossoms
- Native to china



Juniper

Juniperus Communis

Junipers are an evergreen meaning they look great all year round.

They come from a colder climate meaning they are resilient to most weather conditions and will thrive outdoors.

- Intermediate difficulty rating
- Native to Britain
- Fast growing.



Larch

Larix Leptolepis

Larch is a versatile variety that can be kept indoors, but will also thrive outdoors.

This variety is very popular as a bonsai as the trunk grows thicker quite quickly and the tree displays stunning seasonal colours.

- Intermediate difficulty rating
- Native to Japan
- Can be grown indoors



Sweet Gum

Liquidambar Formosana

Sweet Gum is an ideal variety for a beginner. This stunning variety looks fantastic throughout the year but really comes into its own during the autumn months when the leaves turn, create a spectacular display of reds, oranges and yellows.

- Great for beginners
- Seasonally colourful leaves
- Simulated winter not required



Pine

Pinus Halepensis

The Pine is an evergreen, meaning it will have vibrant green needles all year round. As the tree matures it will produce small cones and will loose these in the summer, as it would naturally in the wild to spread its seeds.

- Great for beginners
- Evergreen
- Simulated winter not required

