

bankan

This is the twisted trunk style. One of the old bonsai styles that is now rarely used.

bleeding

This is the loss of sap caused by wounding or pruning.

bonsai

This is a Japanese term for the the art of cultivating and training a plant to create the illusion of a dwarfed tree. Literally, bon - sai means a miniature representation of a tree on a tray.

bonkei

This is a japanese term for tray plantings containing stones, trees, plants and figurines.

bordeaux mixture

An old type of fungicide consisting of lime and copper sulphate solution.

branch bender

This is a a clamp or jack used to bend a branch or a trunk. This is used when usual wiring methods can not achieve the proper bend or shape desired.

branch splitter

This is a cutting tool used to divide a branch or a trunk to allow it to be bent more easily. This is used in really hard to bend branches and classified as an advance technique.

broadleaf evergreen

This is a type of non-needled plants that remain green all year-round. Most of these are tropical bonsai such as ficus.

broom style

A bonsai style which resembles an inverted broom with a single trunk dividing into many symmetric branchlets which subdivide into twigs and so forth. See Hokidachi

bud

The embryo of a shoot, flower usually enclosed on a protective cover.

budding

The process where a bud is transplanted to another part of a bonsai or another plant where a branch or a root is desired to grow.

bunjin

This is a Japanese term for an educated person and applied to the literati style of bonsai. A tree grown in this style, usually emphasizes a thin moving trunk, with a lean appearance and relatively small pot.

bushy

In bonsai, this is a term applied to a plant with stems arising from the base in a disorganized manner, or a bonsai with an undefinable trunk, branches and foliage.