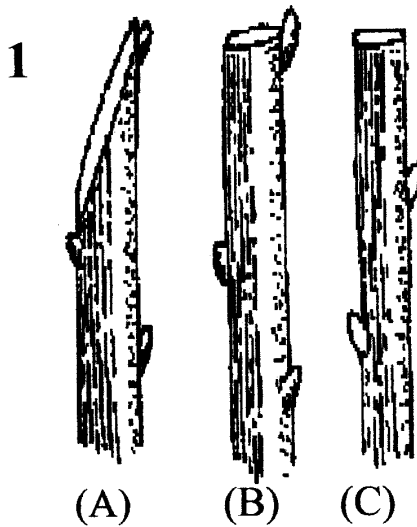
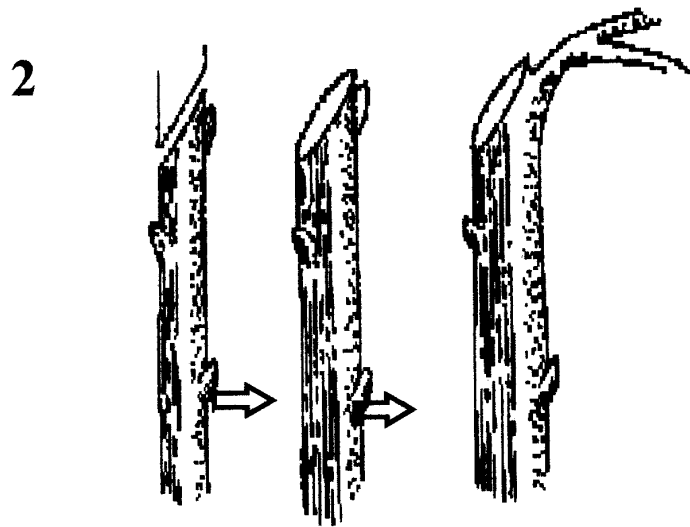


Pruning Cut Angle and Placement



1. If the cut angle is too steep **(A)** the tissue can dry before healing and cause die back. Too flat an angle **(B)** leaves a blunt surface that can collect water which slow wound healing and can promote decay. Cutting too far **(C)** from a lateral branch or bud can over stimulate new growth resulting in undesirable multiple, tightly packed branches, die-back and defeat the original purpose of pruning.



2. Make pruning cut directly above a bud or lateral branch at about a 45 degree angle. Such cuts result in controlled growth of the cut branch and healing of the pruning wound.



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