



For those with a smaller space, looking to cover a fence, or even just looking to create a bit of theatre in the garden, espaliering is a great option.

1. Select a fruit tree, apples and pears both work well. Choose an upright growing variety with a straight stem, with two branches on opposite sides lower down on the stem, and ideally another two approximately 30cm higher.
2. Train wire along your fence, approximately 30cm apart. Ensure the lowest wire is at the same height as the bottom two branches you want to train. Ensure you leave a little bit of slack in the wire.
3. Train the lower branches along the lower wire, and the next two branches along the second wire.
4. If you were able to find a tree with more sets of branches 30cm apart, continue onto the third, fourth wire etc. However if not (and the more likely scenario) you will need to cut the central growing tip (at the top of the tree) just below the next wire, making sure there are nodes (where the leaf comes out from the tree) below the cut so new branches can grow and be trained along the next wire.

Illustration 1 – central growing tip cut just below next wire.

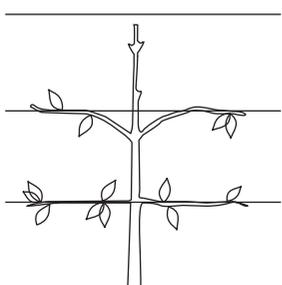
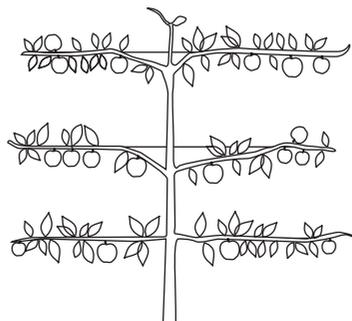


Illustration 2 – final result of espaliered fruit tree.



GROW A BUMPER CROP OF JUICY FRUIT WITH TUI'S 4 STEPS OF FRUIT CARE

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Whether you create your own mini-orchard, or choose to grow a few in pots on your balcony, fruit trees are fun to grow and can give many years reward of fresh, juicy homegrown fruit!

Shopping list: Fruit tree, Tui Garden Mix, Seasol, Tui NovaTec Premium fertiliser, Tui Mulch & Feed, and stakes. If espaliering: wire, nails, hammer, secateurs and ties.

PREPARE

Like building a house a good foundation is the key to success in your garden. The better the soil, the better your plants will grow. If you are starting with an existing garden bed dig in organic matter like sheep pellets and **Tui Compost** to your soil. Then you can add a layer of specially blended planting mix designed for planting trees. **Tui Garden Mix** is a versatile mix you can use when planting trees, shrubs, vegetables and flowers. Choose a sunny location for planting, most fruit trees need at least six hours of direct sunlight a day.

Many fruit trees are available year-round, but winter is when the widest variety will be available in store.



PLANT

The best times to plant are early in the morning or late in the day, so the plants aren't exposed to the hot sun straight away. Soak your tree in a bucket of **Seasol** to help prevent transplant shock. **Seasol** is a seaweed based plant tonic that works absolute wonders in the garden, encouraging healthy growth, preventing transplant shock, and protecting plants against extremes in temperatures.

- Dig a hole approximately twice the depth and width of the root ball of your plant and partly fill with **Tui Garden Mix**. This has all of the essential nutrients your fruit trees need to get off to the best start. If your soil contains a lot of clay dig in some gypsum as fruit trees don't like heavy soil.
- Place the tree in the hole, and fill in with **Tui Garden Mix**, ensuring the tree is no deeper than it was in the container or bag.
- Stake when planting using a stake on either side of the tree.
- Water your tree after planting.

NOURISH

Feed your plants and they will reward you. Plants use nutrients from the soil as they grow, so replenishing the nutrients ensures your fruit trees grow to their full potential. Feed your tree with **Tui NovaTec Premium** fertiliser in spring and summer. Don't forget to water your tree too – especially over the warm summer months. Well watered, well nourished fruit trees will have a better chance of keeping insect pests and diseases at bay.

PROTECT

The weather, weeds, pest insects and diseases can all impact on the success of your fruit trees. Protect your fruit trees from the elements with layers of **Tui Mulch & Feed**, to help keep their roots moist. Keep your garden weed free. Be vigilant and stop unwanted insects and diseases from ruining your plants. The **Tui Plant Protection range** will help you put a stop to common problems that arise.

Tui Tip:

- In the first year after planting your fruit tree, it is best practice to remove any fruit that sets. This allows the tree to establish itself and encourages better fruiting in the following seasons.

CREATE A MINI ORCHARD

Follow our suggestions to create a mini orchard in your backyard.

Smaller dwarf fruit tree varieties – look for dwarf/semi dwarf rootstock:

- Citrus: lemon, lime, mandarin.
- Apple, pear, cherry, nectarine, peach, apricot.

Large tree varieties:

- Citrus: orange, grapefruit, lemon (non-dwarf varieties).
- Feijoa, plum, nectarine, peach, apricot, apple, pear.

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