

# Juniper

Junipers are easy to grow, durable in sunlight and versatile. Appreciate their contorted growth habit, the contrast between living and dead tissue, and the compact, bright foliage.

## Species

Often Used For Bonsai

**Juniperus Chinensis**  
Shinpaku



**J. Scopulorum**  
Rocky Mountain

**Juniperus Rigida**  
Needle Juniper

## Styles

To Choose From



Formal Upright  
"Chokkan"



Informal Upright  
"Moyogi"



Slanting  
"Shakkan"



Twin Trunk  
"Sokan"



Semi-Cascade  
"Han-kengai"



Cascade  
"Kengai"



Twin Trunk  
"Sokan"

## Seasonal

Tasks for Care and Styling



Found globally on mountains, in open woodlands and dry rocky areas, Juniper grow in full sun and in structured, less organic, well-draining soils.



**Spring**

- Repot every 2 to 3 years as tree begins to grow
- Do not change more than half of the soil / remove many roots
- Start high nitrogen fertilizer
- Water after soil becomes slightly dry
- Avoid major bends



**Summer**

- Position the tree in the full sun
- Trim elongated shoots (3-4 cm past silhouette) with sharp scissors. Tree needs tips of other shoots to stay strong.
- Check wire



**Fall**

- Switch to balanced fertilizer
- Thin foliage pads; remove growth in crooks of branches
- Fine wiring can be done anytime, but will be easier after you thin foliage pads



**Winter**

- Major pruning is done
- Good time to wrap with raffia and make dramatic twists and bends
- If temperature will drop below -10°C, move to a less cold sheltered place

