

Maple

Maples are grown for their beautiful foliage, fall colour and graceful branch structure. They are available in hundreds of varieties and respond well to most bonsai techniques.

Species

Often Used For Bonsai



Acer Palmatum
Japanese Maple



Acer Buergerianum
Trident Maple



Acer Circinatum
Vine Maple



Styles

To Choose From



Informal Upright
"Moyogi"



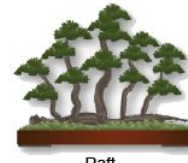
Slanting
"Shakkan"



Twin Trunk
"Sokan"



Forest
"Yose-ue"



Raft
"Ikadabuki"



Broom
"Hokidachi"



Root-over-Rock
"Seki-joju"

Seasonal

Tasks for Care and Styling

Originally from China and Japan, Trident and Japanese maple enjoy well draining soil and sunshine. Vine maple are more shade tolerant and can be found in the moist forest understories of BC.



Spring

- Repot every 1 to 2 years when buds begin to extend
- Add slow release, balanced fertilizer
- In June to reduce leaf size, remove all leaves or largest leaves selectively. Only defoliate a strong tree.



Summer

- Water often to avoid drying out
- Move to shade and less windy location
- Immature stock may need extra fertilizer
- Cut new growth back to 2 or 4 leaves
- Selective pinching can be done on mature trees



Fall

- Do major pruning / large branch removal. Within a week of leaf drop is ideal.
- Seal all wounds
- Remove wire to avoid winter damage
- Display tree for its fall colour



Winter

- Minor pruning can be done while tree is bare
- Handles cold well to -10°C, but provide winter protection if temperature goes lower

