



# Hemlock

Hemlock are a long-lived species well suited to bonsai due to their small-scale foliage and attractive bark. Many high-quality specimens have been collected in BC.

## Species

Often Used For Bonsai



**Tsuga Mertensiana**  
Mountain Hemlock



**Tsuga Heterophylla**  
Western Hemlock



**Tsuga Canadensis**  
Eastern Hemlock

## Styles

To Choose From



Formal Upright  
"Chokkan"



Informal Upright  
"Moyogi"



Slanting  
"Shakkan"



Twin Trunk  
"Sokan"



Forest  
"Yose-ue"



Root-over-Rock  
"Seki-joju"



Shari  
"Sharimiki"

## Seasonal

Tasks for Care and Styling



### Spring

- Re-pot every 2 years as new growth starts
- Fertilize every 2 weeks with balanced fertilizer in growing season
- Cut back fresh growth as it extends to increase ramification and back budding



### Summer

- Position tree in partial shade, especially in summer
- Water often to avoid drying out
- Tree will benefit from misting the foliage with water



### Fall

- Propagate semi ripe cuttings in early fall
- Wire at any time, but take care not to damage new growth
- Check wire because bark marks easily



### Winter

- Shelter from freezing winds to keep the tree from drying out
- Major pruning is done in late winter, before new growth starts

Mountain and Western Hemlock are found within 100km of the Pacific Ocean and in the Rockies. Hemlock like coarse, well-draining soil in a cool and moist location.



Note: All 3 species can also be found at sea level at the limit of their northern range

