

Topiary



Do's

- Use topiary as a feature in pots or in the ground
- Water regularly when in pots to avoid drying out
- Trim at the end of May and at the end of September
- Allow enough space for the roots to develop
- Apply fertiliser using topiary feed twice per year in March and September to help keep it green
- Position topiary with good airflow, this also helps prevent Box blight
- Use John Innes No.3 compost in pots and containers

Don'ts

- Let your topiary become pot bound otherwise the leaves will turn orange, re-potting and a good feeding can resolve this
- Forget to water regularly as drying out will cause severe browning of the leaves, you won't notice until several weeks after it dries out, often against the house is sheltered from rain, check weekly
- Forget to mix slow release fertiliser in with your compost initially then topdress with fertilizer there after
- Forget to pair up for impact

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow"

Which to choose?



TAXUS BACCATA

English Yew is beautiful when trimmed, it has the ability to regenerate and will grow in sun or shade. Produces berries once mature and its foliage is a deep green. Perfect as balls along the front of a bed



BUXUS SEMPERVIRENS

Box has been used as topiary for decades. It clips well and is suited to being grown in pots or as a hedge. Position in a well ventilated situation and treat with select sprays to avoid blight.



ILEX CRENATA

Japanese Holly is a great choice for hedging or balls grown at the edge of borders where ventilation is not as good. New varieties are almost impossible to tell apart from Box



CONIFERS

Available in many shapes and sizes including spirals, balls and columns. They are perfect if you want to go large as the spirals can be trained to grow up to 6m tall. Green and golden forms available

Common Shapes



STANDARDS

This is when the stem is trained straight to a certain height, then the bush is above this level. Different length stems available



BALLS

Great for using in pots and containers or in the ground along the front of a herbaceous border to give rhythm and year round interest. Simple and effective



SPIRALS

Very dramatic and great for making a statement in pots either side of a doorway or opening, or use them as individual specimens in the ground



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Often done with Japanese Holly, these make great centerpieces and have a beauty similar to Bonsai trees

Pots, Compost & Fertiliser

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