

protecting the graft

An important step in ensuring your graft is successful is the use of a sealant paint to protect your graft.

Tree Stac is a specially formulated non-toxic adhesive designed to protect tree wounds in grafting.

It forms a flexible film that protects tree wounds against bacteria and weather conditions including the sun and frost.

how to use tree stac



step 1:

Apply Tree Stac with a brush covering the entire grafted or trimmed area.



step 2:

Allow Tree Stac to dry completely prior to any required binding.



the key to successful grafting



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To most amateur gardeners, the very idea of grafting is daunting, a mystery best left to nurserymen. In fact, as in most aspects of gardening, all that's required is enthusiasm.

what is grafting?

The principle of grafting is to join a piece of the variety to be increased - the grafting stock - to the rootstock of another, and make of them a single living unit. This new plant will have the fruiting and flowering ability of the grafting stock and the strength and growing qualities of the rootstock.

The character of the new plant will be entirely that of the grafting stock. All the rootstock supplies is vigor and nutrients; it can no more change the character of the plant.

where do i start?

Generally, carry out grafting in spring - that is, at the end of the dormant season. Choose your grafting stocks - the stems you want to unite with new roots - only from shoots that have grown in the previous year.

omega graftingtool



The omega grafting tool takes the time and hassle out of grafting. It is simple to use and results in accurate and successful grafts.



step 1:

Hold the grafting stock (root end) in position in the **omega graftingtool**, and squeeze the handle to make the cut.

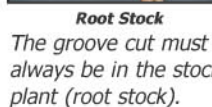


step 2:

Repeat step 1, cut a graft of 1 or 2 buds from the donor plant with the **omega graftingtool**. The graft must be cut at about 15mm from the bud.



Grafting Stock



Root Stock

The groove cut must always be in the stock plant (root stock).



step 4:

Cover the joint with 'Tree Stac' to protect the wound against bacteria and weather conditions, then bind them with budding tape.

- The joint between the grafting stock and rootstock must be as flush as possible.
- Do not allow the cuts to dry out during grafting.
- Prepare the grafting stock first, then leave it in water or covered with damp paper.
- Cover the entire grafted area completely with Tree Stac, the tiniest gap left in the sealant at this point will result in loss of moisture.
- Once Tree Stac has dried completely (10-15 minutes) bind up the union as tightly as possible with budding tape starting from the bottom of the grafted area. The binding will ensure that the two parts of the graft are immovably held together. The tape should be cut about 4 to 6 weeks after growth begins to avoid restrictions of further growth.

