

Better Bonsai Photographs

Simple tips for taking photos in your garden - just use your phone!

No special camera or technical knowledge needed. A few small changes help us show your tree at its best.

1 Find soft, natural daylight



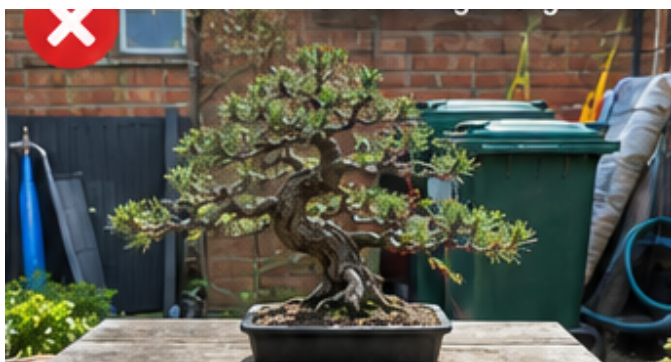
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Bright cloudy days work brilliantly. Avoid harsh midday sun and deep shadows.



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2 Keep the background simple



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Move bins, tools and hoses out of view. A plain fence or wall is ideal.



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3 Include the whole tree and pot



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Leave a little space around the branches and pot. Do not cut off the apex.

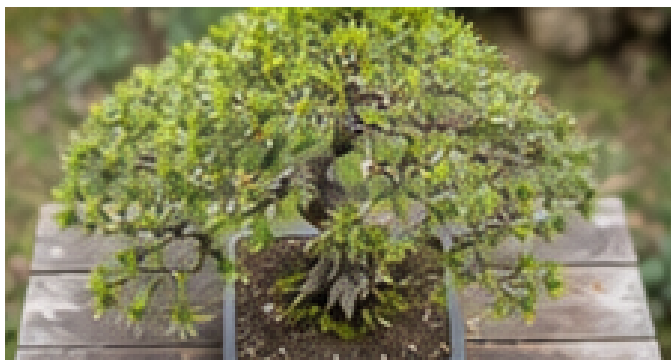


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A few more easy tips - then share your trees with us

4 Photograph from the front



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Place the tree on a table or crouch down. Aim around trunk height, not from above.



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5 Keep the tree sharp



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Wipe your lens, tap the tree on your phone screen and hold the phone steady.

Send us your bonsai photographs!

Beginners and experienced growers welcome. We would love to feature your trees on our website, Facebook and Instagram.

Please send: (1) one clear photo of the complete tree, (2) an optional close-up, and (3) its species and approximate years in training.

Send the original image, not a screenshot. Please confirm you are happy for the society to publish it.

Every tree has a story - help us share yours!