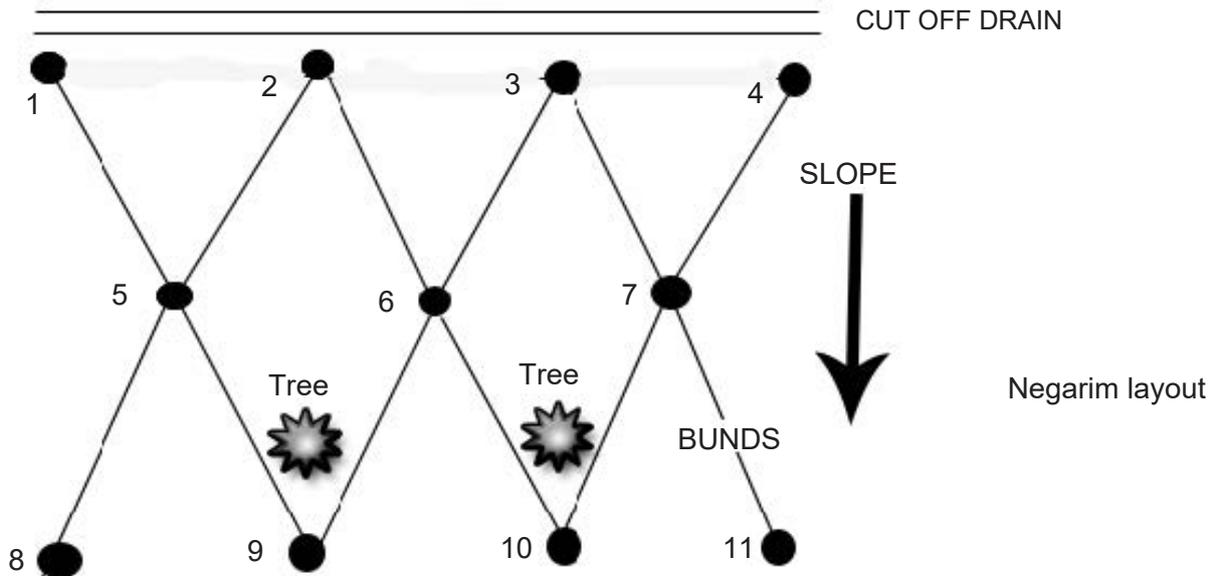


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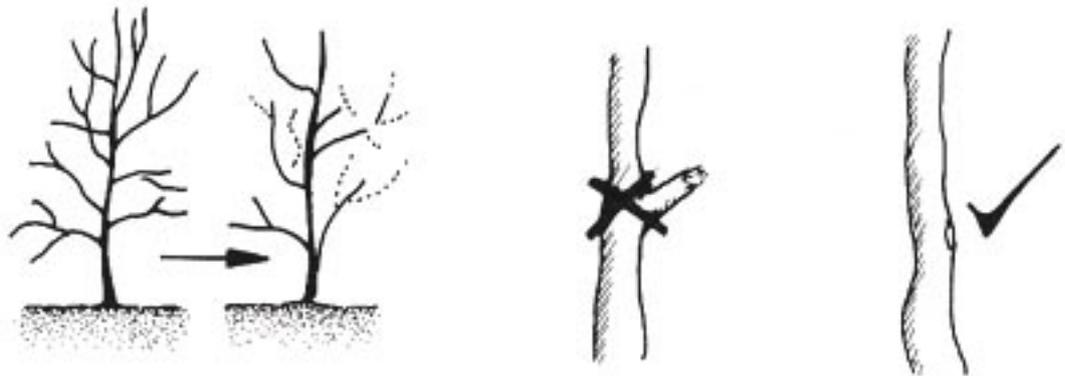
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Tree Husbandry

Like other plants and animals, fruit-trees will grow and produce better if they receive proper care.

Pruning. Some trees, such as citrus and mango, benefit from tree shaping. At planting, select the strongest upright branch of the seedling to become the future trunk of the tree. As the tree grows, carefully prune branches that are too close or rubbing together. This allows air and light to circulate through the tree, reduces diseases and can improve fruiting. Prune weak branches and those that let fruit hang too close to the ground where animals or soil diseases can attack them. Remove dead branches, where pests may be living. The cut surfaces can be covered with wood ash to seal the damaged tissues.



Feeding. Trees benefit from the application of compost or fertilizer, particularly at planting. Generally, 2 kg of good compost or a small handful of NPK fertilizer should be applied at planting, and then again every four months. Apply compost or fertilizer before (not during) tree flowering and again when the tree's fruit is half-mature. Put organic matter or mulch under a tree to provide nutrients, reduce weed competition and retain soil moisture.

Watering. Young fruit-trees are sensitive to drought and need daily watering during the dry season for the first year or two. Older trees are more resistant and may not need supplementary watering. Fruit-trees such as papaya benefit from daily watering throughout their lives. Not all trees, however, need supplementary water.

Some suggested trees: fruits, nuts and spices

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