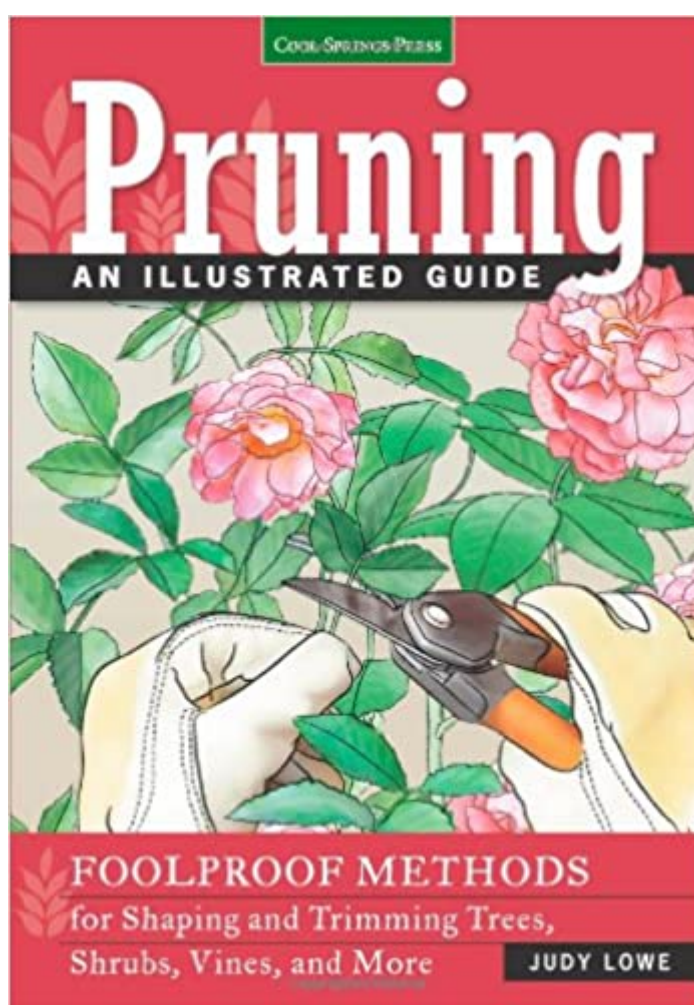


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# Pruning: An Illustrated Guide: Foolproof Methods For Shaping And Trimming Trees, Shrubs, Vines, And More



## Synopsis

Lifelong gardener Judy Lowe gives you the knowledge to make the right cut the first time. "Pruning panic" is an all-too-familiar feeling among even experienced gardeners, but it's especially prevalent among those of us who are new to the practice. In *Pruning: An Illustrated Guide*, award-winning gardening writer Judy Lowe imparts over two decades of expertise, focusing on the most common backyard pruning needs for the most commonly grown landscape plants. From trees and shrubs to hydrangeas, azaleas, roses, and other perennials, Lowe takes an in-depth approach to all the pruning essentials. Throughout the book, her advice is accompanied by brilliantly detailed step-by-step line drawings that clearly demonstrate where and how to make precise, effective cuts. Lowe removes all intimidation from the pruning process: beyond the craft itself, you'll gain an understanding of the basic science behind plant growth, why plants need pruning, when they'll need it, and how pruning techniques can vary between plant species. So the next time you pick up a pruning saw or a pair of loppers, panic will be the furthest thing from your mind--and from your garden.

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Prune Your Plants with Confidence—Taking a pair of loppers or pruners to a favorite plant can be a terrifying moment for any gardener. That's natural, but not necessary. With the right information you can take the fear away and pruning with the confidence that only come from the knowledge that you're treating your cherished plants properly. In *Pruning: An Illustrated Guide*, lifelong

master gardener Judy Lowe shows you the ins and outs of pruning—when to prune, how to prune, and why we need to prune. Using beautifully drawn and detailed illustrations and precise, step-by-step instructions, Judy takes the uncertainty and fear out of pruning panic. Here's what you'll find in *Pruning: An Illustrated Guide*: - Know how to make the right cut—the first time and every time- All commonly grown plants are covered, from trees (including fruit trees) and shrubs to roses and other perennials- Understand the basic science of plant growth, and when to prune most plants- Covers all the pruning essentials (Hint: You don't have to know everything to prune effectively) - Before you pick up another pair of hand pruners, loppers, or a pruning saw—hoping that you don't make a mistake—pick up your copy of *Pruning: An Illustrated Guide*.

Judy Lowe (Columbia, SC) has loved gardening her whole life and has been writing about it for more than twenty-five years. Lowe has been the garden editor of many newspapers, including the *Chattanooga Times Free Press* in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and, most recently, the *Christian Science Monitor* in Boston, Massachusetts. She has been very active in the Garden Writers Association, a garden writers group consisting of more than 2,000 members, having served on the board for fourteen years and as president for two years. Lowe's eleven previous books include several for Cool Springs Press--*Herbs!: Creative Herb Garden Themes and Projects* (2011), *Tennessee & Kentucky Gardener's Guide* (2005), and *Month-by-Month Gardening in Tennessee and Kentucky* (2003)--as well as *Ortho's All About Pruning* (Ortho, 2009). Judy has been honored numerous times by the Garden Writer's Association, the National Garden Bureau, and many other gardening groups.

Great info.

Checked out the book from the library and like it enough to buy it. Great coverage, thorough.

Gave this as a gift to a friend who prunes nearly every day! He needs the information to do a proper job and not over do it. This looked like a great guide.

Christmas gift. Enjoyed by recipient.

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