

NOTES ON PROPAGATING SHRUBS FROM HARD WOOD CUTTINGS

1. Take cuttings in late January or early February.
 - 6 to 8 inches long, about the size of a lead pencil
 - Angle cut on lower end and flat cut on upper end
 - Tie each bundle with rubber band and label
2. Bury this good stuff in a bucket of sand.
 - Use 5 gallon bucket with a hole in the bottom for drainage
 - Put bundles in bucket and cover tops of bundles with 2 inches of sand.
 - Wet contents thoroughly and cover bucket with lid or polyethelene secured with a rubber band.
3. - Store in a cool place and check every couple of weeks to be sure the sand is moist.
4. - In mid March set the cuttings out in a semi-shady part of the garden, dip in Rootone and set 6 inches apart, 12 inch row spacing. The top bud should be at the soil surface.
5. Prune for shape and to encourage multiple shoots.
6. Pot up in late summer.
7. Burden your gardening friends with the surplus plants.

HARD WOOD CUTTINGS TECHNIQUE WORKS WELL ON THESE:

Deutzia	Kiwi (fair)	Forsythia	Virbirnum
Grape	Fig	Kerria	Mock Orange
Lilicac	Spiraea	Weigelia	Crape-myrtle
Hydrangea	Wisteria	Jasmine	Honeysuckle bush
Pussy Willow	Buddleia		

This technique works well for me in the Spartanburg Area.


Jess G. Taylor