

## Training an espalier

Choose a suitable apple on an MM106 rootstock, or a pear on Quince A rootstock.

Choose suitable location and install a 3-wire system at distances of approximately 20inch between each wire.

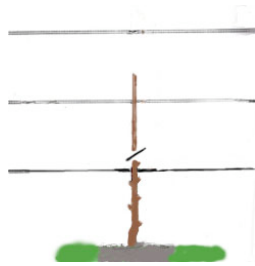


Fig 1

Plant the tree and cut the leader just above the height of the first wire, and choose two other buds pointing in opposite direction to form the two side branches which should leave a tree as shown in figure 1. This should be carried out in March /April of the first year.

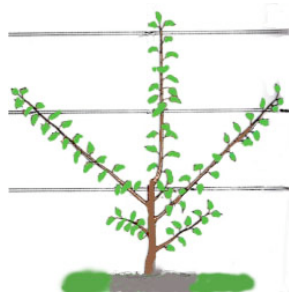


Fig 2

Train the shoot from the top bud to grow vertically. Train the lower buds at an angle of 45 degrees to the main leader. Tie them to support the branches, as shown in Fig .2. Growth should occur between April and September.

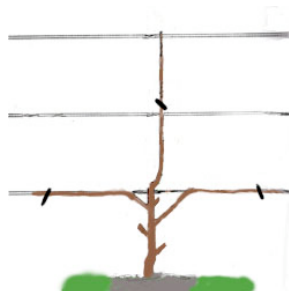


Fig. 3

From November onwards when the tree is in its dormant state, train the two branches to the horizontal wire and tie . Cut the main leader just above the second wire , choosing 3 buds the same as shown in Fig.1 . Also cut out any surplus laterals as shown on Fig. 3.

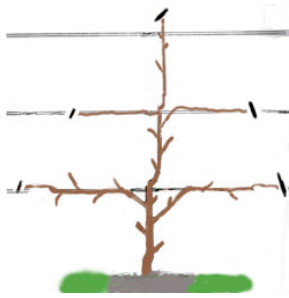


Fig. 4

In November of the second year cut back the central leader arm leaving three buds as previously described in Fig.1 and also cut back the horizontal arms as shown in Fig. 4. Train the second tier branches and tie to the second wire as shown. Cut back the branches by one third.

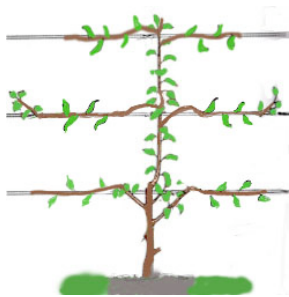


Fig. 5

After 3 years of training your espalier should have a form something similar to Fig. 5