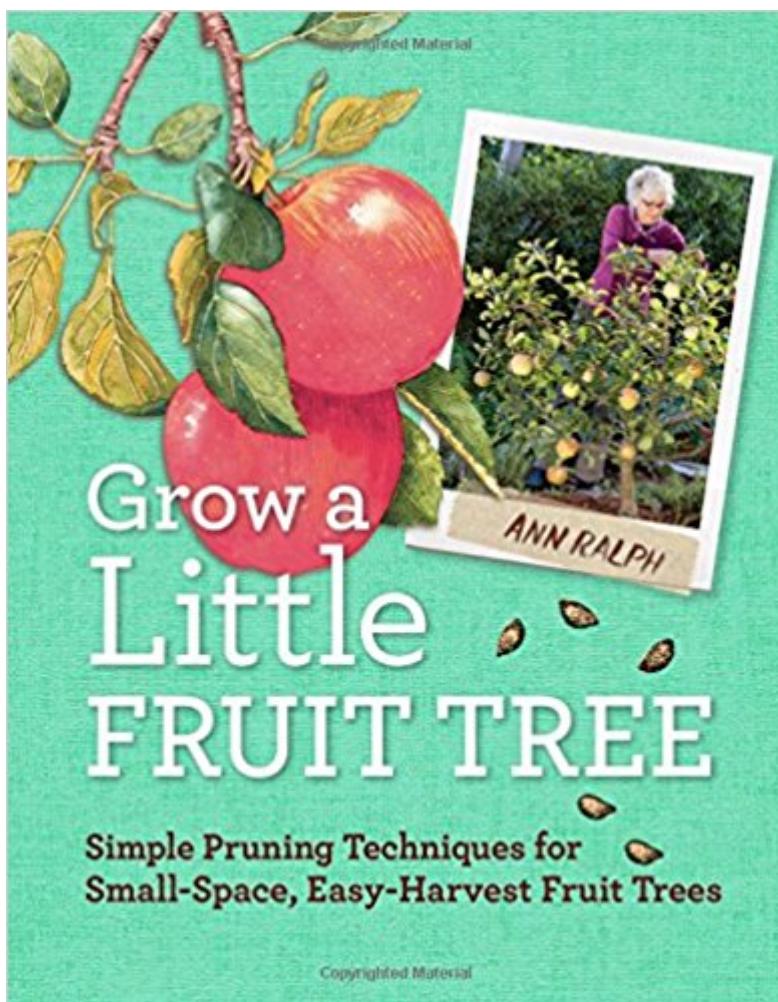


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Grow A Little Fruit Tree: Simple Pruning Techniques For Small-Space, Easy-Harvest Fruit Trees



Synopsis

Grow your own apples, figs, plums, cherries, pears, apricots, and peaches in even the smallest backyard! Ann Ralph shows you how to cultivate small yet abundant fruit trees using a variety of specialized pruning techniques. With dozens of simple and effective strategies for keeping an ordinary fruit tree from growing too large, you'll keep your gardening duties manageable while at the same time reaping a bountiful harvest. These little fruit trees are easy to maintain and make a lovely addition to any home landscape.

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"Beautiful and essential. Ann Ralph is your good-natured guide to the sometimes intimidating task of planting bare root fruit trees, thinning fruit, and that nail-biter of them all: pruning." (Novella Carpenter, author of *Farm City: The Education of an Urban Farmer*) "This backyard fruit tree owner's manual should come with every fruit tree, or, better yet, get it while you are still deciding what trees to plant." (Pam Pierce, author of *Golden Gate Gardening* and *Wildly Successful Plants: Northern California*) "Ann Ralph argues her case for pruning with such deep knowledge, and wit, and obvious affection for fruit trees, that you cannot help but be converted. A delightful and useful book!" (Mike Madison, author of *Blithe Tomato*)

Smaller Is Better Imagine a peach tree that's the same height as you. And an apple tree that doesn't require a ladder for reaching the top-most fruit. Following Ann Ralph's timed

pruning plan and simple maintenance guidelines, you can keep ordinary fruit trees small and manageable. Your little trees need less garden space, are easier to care for, and offer just the right amount of fruit for most households.

This is a great little book on how to grow little fruit trees. I learned so much. It is about much more than just pruning, You will learn how to select fruit trees, when and how to plant them, how to grow them and harvest them. There are more advanced, detailed books out there about growing fruit trees, but this is a wonderful place to start. You need to learn the basics first and this book covers them. In fact, if you are a weekend gardener with a busy life, you could get by growing fruit trees with just this book and you would do a pretty good job. On the other hand, if you want to dig deeper, you can buy a few other books that cover topics and fruits that you want to learn more about. I really enjoyed it and recommend it. Fun to read! I loved it!

Great little book that tells you all you need to know to grow fruit trees without having to climb a ladder to prune them. I am 80 and could not resist: after reading the reviews and "looking inside", I ordered the book from and, from another supplier (Arbor Day), two pear trees and two peach trees. I followed the instructions on planting and the initial pruning. All I have to do now, apart from continuing to follow the instructions, is to live long enough to eat "my" peaches and pears.

This is a wonderfully written book with lots of solid information, particularly for urban gardeners and new fruit tree owners. Two to three pages of clear and concise description of pruning techniques. As an experienced fruit tree grower, I find this to be a great addition to my gardening library. In the spirit of full disclosure, I was an early reviewer of this book.

This is such an awesome book. I like that the author has been using this method for many years. It's quite revolutionary in a way. I have planted two trees using her method and will continue to update. She is from CA and I live in the Southeast. But it seems not to make much difference. The best take away is pruning is a good thing, not a bad thing. And the earlier the prune, the less pruning you will have to do later.

Where was this book when I needed it ? I planted my orchard about 10 years ago when I finally acquired a big enough property. Had this book existed when I started, I would have taken an entirely different approach. All the things she talks about in terms of managing the size of your trees and

how much produce you can actually handle as a home gardener is so true. Now that I am older, my trees are bigger than I should have let them get, and their production is beyond my capacity to can, dehydrate, freeze, and give away; I am also less excited about climbing on ladders to get those last peaches and plums. There is a lot of common sense in this book, and it also gives you the courage to break out those pruning shears. In the future, with the little yard space I have left, I'm going to plant some more fruit trees and keep them under control this time. This is a very useful book for even experienced gardeners, and it is a gift to orchard lovers who are just starting out or to those who think they don't have enough room for a few fruit trees.

I am indebted to Mother Earth magazine for printing an excerpt from this book and thus introducing it to me. I even looked up the author, found an email, and received a direct and prompt response to a question I had for her before I ever bought the book. This is the most useful pruning tool you will ever see, and truthfully, you could manage a home orchard with this book and no other. Excellent, clear, simple to understand, and thorough! Wish I could give ten stars!

We purchased young fruit trees 3 years ago and they are now getting to the stage of producing fruit. I wanted to make sure our little orchard did not get out of control, and that we could get the best out of our fruit trees.

This is a delightful find! The authors explain how to have manageable short fruit trees for the non-professional grower. It makes much more sense to have a selection of apples, peaches, plums, etc. without getting so much fruit that it's a burden. They do an excellent job explaining the importance of choosing an appropriate rootstock, something that backyard growers don't realize. Well done!

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