

Bonsai Styles



Formal Upright

This style is characterized by the straight, vertical trunk with horizontal branches. Its branches bear a symmetry and is appropriate for evergreen conifers.



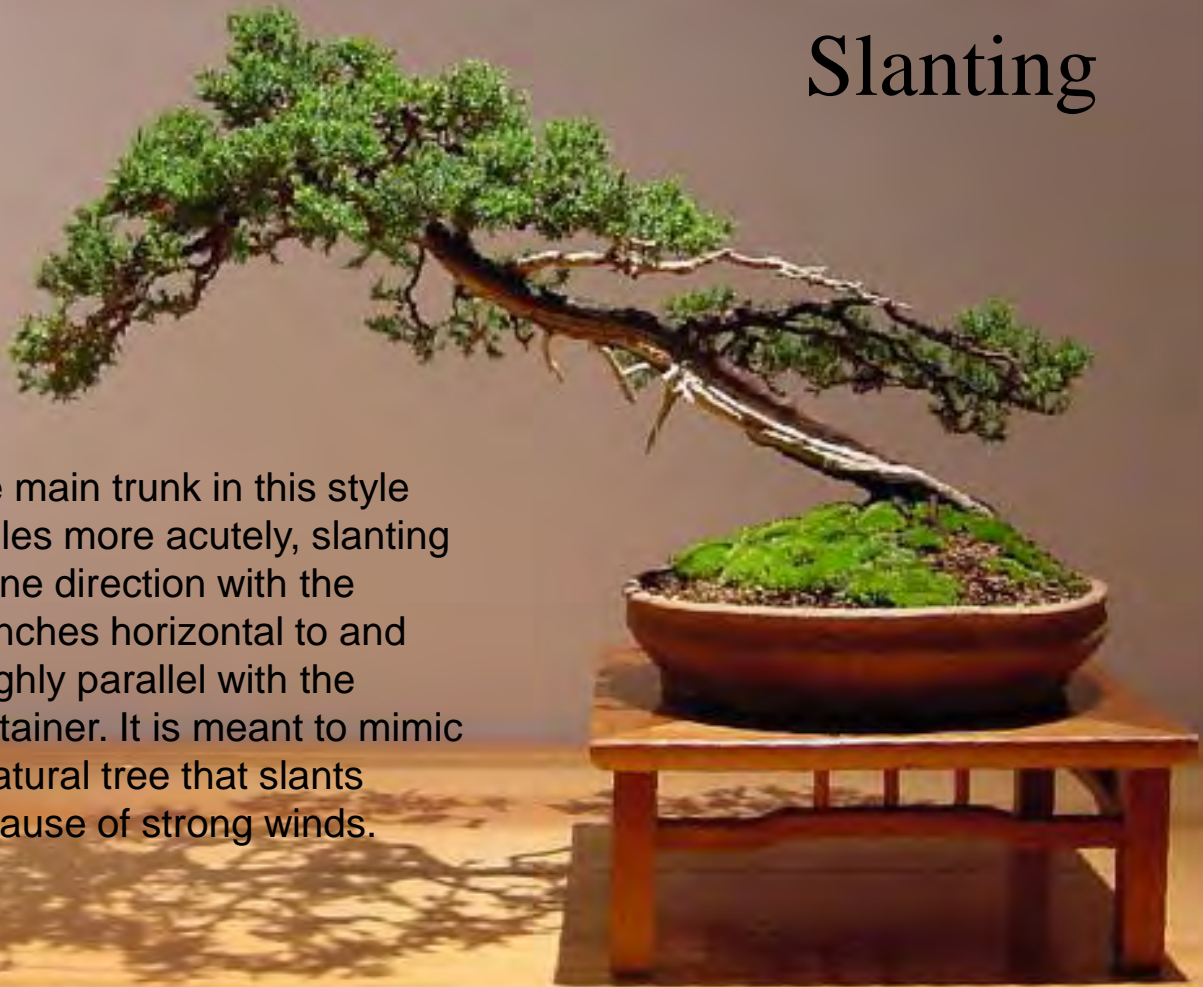
Informal Upright

It has the same branching pattern as the formal upright but the trunk bends slightly, rather than being straight to give the illusion of movement.



Slanting

The main trunk in this style angles more acutely, slanting in one direction with the branches horizontal to and roughly parallel with the container. It is meant to mimic a natural tree that slants because of strong winds.



Semi Cascade

In this style, the trunk grows straight for a distance and then gradually cascades down. The cascade should fall between the top and bottom of the container.





Broom

A broom-style bonsai looks like a upside down broom.

Branches fan out from the top of a single straight trunk. It is created by cutting the main trunk and allowing several shoots to develop out of the top.

In this style, the trunk grows vertically, but then turns abruptly downward to the bottom edge of the container. Most of the leaves will grow below the soil-line. It is intended to reflect the shape of a tree that has had a difficult time yet perseveres.

Cascade

