

# Bonsai an art

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**Is bonsai an art?** Bonsai is an ancient art-form originating in China and Japan, dating back centuries, even millennia. Although Bonsai became incredibly popular in the West, it never reached the status as “fine art” like it does in countries like Japan.

**How can we say bonsai is a great art?** Bonsai requires a keen eye and a sense of aesthetics. The aim is to create a pleasing scene in which the artist's intervention is hidden. It should appear entirely natural, even if it's in miniature form. Ingenious tricks are used to create the impression of gnarled, twisted trunks, as in this tree.

**What is the art of making bonsai?** Bonsai is the art of growing certain trees and shrubs, of many varieties, in small, shallow containers. It is through careful and precise training and pruning, that the plant is slowly shaped and manipulated to give the appearance of an older, mature tree.

**Is bonsai a craft?** Bonsai was now seen as a matter of design, the craft approach replacing the religious/mythical approach of tradition. Different sizes and styles were developed over the next century; catalogs and books about the trees, tools, and pots were published; some early formal shows were held.

**Can plants be considered art?** Plants Provide Texture and Depth As beautiful as a painting or photograph may be, there is only so much texture and depth that it can convey, being a two-dimensional medium. Not so with plants. The incredible palette of textures is virtually unlimited when using plants as the artistic medium.

**What art is considered art?** art, a visual object or experience consciously created through an expression of skill or imagination. The term art encompasses diverse media such as painting, sculpture, printmaking, drawing, decorative arts, photography, and installation. (Read Sister Wendy's Britannica essay on art

appreciation.)

**Why do people say bonsai?** The Japanese word 'bonsai' (??) translates to “planted in a pot”, however, the term originates from the Chinese term “pun-sai” also known as “penjing” or “penzai”. In Chinese the word “pen” translates to pot and “jing” means landscape.

**How do you describe bonsai?** A Bonsai tree is a replication of nature, in the form of a miniature tree, without displaying the human intervention too clearly. The connotations or added/implied Bonsai tree meanings include: A general tree-like shape or style (although not necessarily natural to that type of plant growing full-size in the wild).

**What is so special about bonsai?** The beautiful and elegant bonsai tree has long been considered a symbol of peace and harmony in many cultures. Traditionally, bonsai trees have been given as a symbol of appreciation and respect, representing the long life and patience of those who nurture them.

**Is bonsai a Feng Shui?** In Feng Shui, the ancient Chinese art of harmonising energies in the environment, bonsai trees are believed to attract positive chi (energy) and promote balance. Placing a bonsai in specific areas of the home or workspace is thought to bring good luck, wealth, and prosperity.

**What is bonsai philosophy?** This thought is based on Zen philosophy in which spirituality is expressed by minimalist aesthetic means. In this sense, human involvement in bonsai can be seen as an attempt to capture the nature's force of the gigantic trees and to encapsulate it into little plants, still maintaining their natural beauty.

**Is bonsai tree a hobby?** And, although Bonsai is a centuries-old living art form, getting started with this fascinating hobby is not difficult! This website will help you to get started and our forum is the best place to ask for advice. If you already have your tree, but need help, read our "Help!"

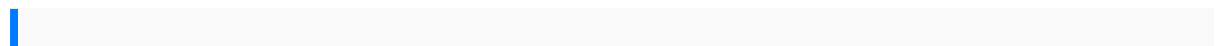
**Is animal made art considered art?** Animal-made art consists of works by non-human animals, that have been considered by humans to be artistic, including visual works, music, photography, and videography. Some of these are created naturally by

animals, often as courtship displays, while others are created with human involvement.

**Can crafts be considered art?** Craft can be beautiful and aesthetically pleasing. It can also require excellent technical and creative skills to craft a beautiful piece of decorative art. However, despite the quality and creativity behind crafts, they are technically not art.

**What is considered art in Japan?** The highly refined traditional arts of Japan include such forms as the tea ceremony, calligraphy, and ikebana (flower arranging) and gardening, as well as architecture, painting, and sculpture.

**Can an object be considered art?** Physical objects that document immaterial or conceptual art works, but do not conform to artistic conventions, can be redefined and reclassified as art objects. Some Dada and Neo-Dada conceptual and readymade works have received later inclusion.



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