

THE ART OF SHAPING

Once your section A is securely in the tree stand where you plan to set up the tree, **only untie or cut the bottom red string** to release the bottom row of branches. (This will keep the upper rows of branches out of the way while you progressively shape one row at a time.)

Note: If this is not the first time you set up your tree, use a cinch strap or cord as shown and shimmy it up a few inches to release only the bottom row.

Starting at the back of your first branch, fan each needle into a different direction similar to the 9:00 to 3:00 positions on a clock.

Vary needle positions often and as you move from the back to the front keep each needle straight and the angle decreasing as illustrated.

This will give a look of fullness to the tree, create space for decorations and help blend the tree top into the top row of branches.

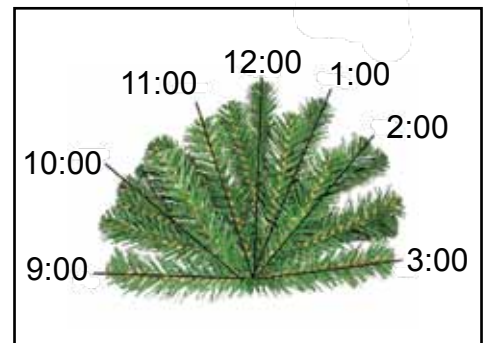
When you arrive at the end of a branch either pull your PE needles out to the sides and slightly higher and lower than one another or if PVC, arrange the needles in the shape of an open hand. If there is a pine cone on that branch, you can center it in the palm.

Shape each branch on the bottom row by repeating the steps illustrated above.

Untie or cut the next red string and follow the same procedure for the rest of the branches on your tree.

We recommend shaping the tree top in your hand prior to placing it into the top section of branches.

Gently pull each tip down starting with the bottom row. Pull each needle out straight and then give it a slight curl on the end as if bending towards the sun. It is important to try to keep needles an equal distance from one another. Also the angle from the pole should decrease as you work your way up the top.



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