

## BLACK COUNTRY FUCHSIA SOCIETY INFORMATION LEAFLET

### GROWING A STANDARD

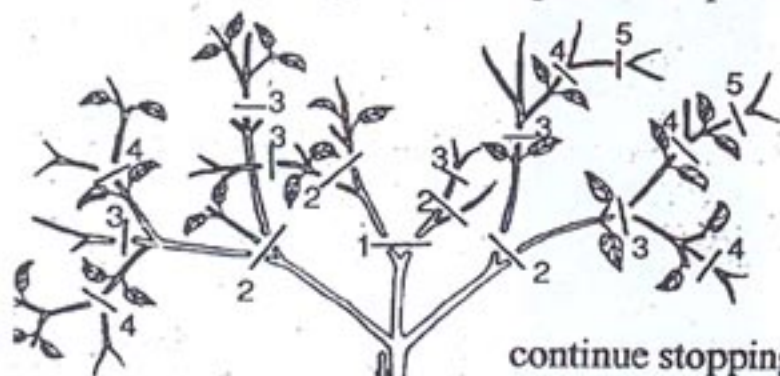


To grow a standard choose if possible a three leaf cutting this will form the head much quicker, insert a cane when root ball is dense enough to hold it, tying in at each set of leaves.

Never allow the plant to become pot bound, pot on when roots touch the side of the pot or plant will want to flower. Grow whip up to your required stem length, removing laterals as they grow from leaf axils, not the leaves themselves, let these drop off with age.

The head of a standard should be one third of the overall height grow stem up to the required length, then grow three or four sets of leaves to form the head, remove the growing tip.

Allow laterals to grow then stop these at each set of leaves, all must be stopped at the same time so wait until all the laterals have formed a pair of leaves and a tip,



*Numbers denote consecutive stops*

continue stopping at each pair of leaves, this is to produce a dense framework for the head.

There are four heights for B. F. S. standards.

Pot or Mini standard 6"-10" stem. 5" max. pot.

Quarter standard 10"-18" stem. A.S.P.

Half standard 18"-30" stem. A.S.P.

Full standard 30"-42" stem. A.S.P.

Stem length is measured from soil level to the bottom of the first lateral.

Perry Park, Olive Smith, Celia Smedley, Shelford. will make full or half standards.

Katrina Thompsen, Sophie Louise, Maria Landy, Shelford, for Quarter and Mini standards.

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