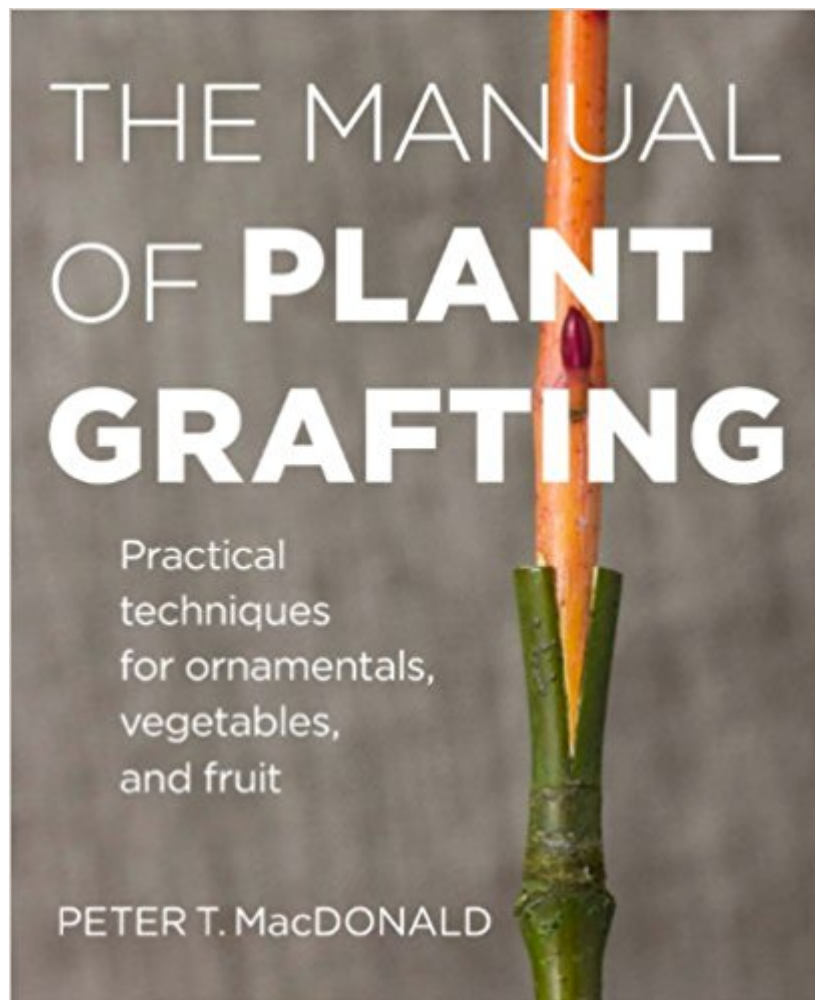




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# The Manual Of Plant Grafting: Practical Techniques For Ornamentals, Vegetables, And Fruit



## Synopsis

Practical techniques for improved plant performance! Grafting is a long-established skill that is used to improve the performance of ornamental and productive plants. Fruit trees are grafted to control their size, willows to produce attractive weeping forms, and tomatoes and melons to enhance their disease resistance. Peter MacDonald describes the latest grafting techniques for students, professionals and enthusiastic amateurs, including information on the reasons for grafting, clear instructions on the formation of the graft union, bench grafting techniques, field grafting, vegetable grafting, and cactus grafting. An A-to-Z appendix of plants features detailed information on what type of graft should be used, when it should be done, what type of root stock needs to be used, and what environment it needs to be kept in.

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written by a true horticulturist based on real experienceâthis brings the skills right up-to-date and keeps them alive for future generations. When many of us are concerned about the loss of the skill set in our industry Peter is to be congratulated at producing a classic that will sell steadily and be referred to for years to come.â • â "The Horticulturist

Practical techniques for improved plant performance This authoritative guide offers clear, step-by-step instruction on the latest grafting techniques. Propagation expert Peter MacDonald highlights the importance of choosing appropriate plant materials, making good graft cutes, and caring for the plant after the graft. He also puts current techniques in historical context, explains the science behind grafting, and includes a list of recommended techniques for over 200 plants.

Great book for up and coming grafters.

I loved the vegetable section. I do wish it was a little clearer.

Great book, written in clear understandable manner.

it's all there, plain and simple; a great book!

I love it. Very helpful.

Nice book!

good book

I've recently been reading some books on grafting and plant propagation, so naturally was interested to find this one. While many of the propagation books I've looked through and read include sections on grafting, it's nice to see this book (and it's not the only one) dedicated entirely to grafting. Now, not all grafting books are alike. Some are filled with diagrams and illustrations; this book, on the other hand, has a lot of text that is complemented with photographs. From reading this book, it's clear that the author knows just about everything there is to know about grafting. The book begins, for instance, with a detailed history of grafting -- and I'm talking 100s of years of history, condensed down into several sections. But have no fear: this is still a practical book about grafting. It

covers when to do it, why to do it, how to do it, etc. I found it to be a very nice book. The only thing lacking, for me, is a good set of illustrations of all the different cuts you can do to join scion and rootstock. I've seen such illustrations in other books and find them very helpful. But that's a small complaint. It's a very nice book and I hope to refer back to it for years to come.

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