



PRACTICALITY BROWN

TREES FACT SHEET: PLEACHED

We can supply a range of quality trees for decorative or screening purposes.

Pleached trees

'Pleaching' is a method of training trees by tying-in and interlacing flexible young shoots along a supporting framework; it can also be called fan trained. Espalier is the term used for pleached fruit trees, designed so that sun can shine on the fruit. These designed, trained trees usually have a clear stem. The most widely available deciduous pleached tree is *Carpinus betulus* or more commonly, Hornbeam.

Trees trained in this way will require regular maintenance to prune back and tie-in new growth back onto the frames. Pleached panels can be an extremely effective form of screening and improving privacy in gardens, without reducing the living space in the garden.

Clear stem and frame sizes vary; typically pleached trees have a clear stem of 1.8-2m and a frame size of 1.2m wide by 1.5m high, although the stems can be up to 2.5m high and square frames of 2m x 2m. We can offer a choice of sizes and also newly pleached trees, up to 3 or 4 years old. <http://pracbrown.co.uk/instant-hedges-and-trees/help-me-choose/a-selection-of-pleached-and-espalier-trees/>



Box head Trees

We also supply box head trees which have cubed heads with clear stems. Box head trees are used as individual pieces to complement the garden and are trained into shape using similar methods to pleaching, but it takes a longer time to cultivate them into the required shape.

We can supply these trees with a clear stem of 1.8-2.2m and a girth size of 18cm plus, in a variety of species. <http://pracbrown.co.uk/instant-hedges-and-trees/help-me-choose/a-selection-of-box-head-trees/>

Example of prices

Variety	Type	Head size	Girth	Price
Hornbeam <i>Carpinus betulus</i>	Newly pleached	1.5m x 1.5m	16cm	£450
Hornbeam <i>Carpinus betulus</i>	Box Head	1.0m x 1.0m	20cm	£990

NB Prices exclude VAT at 20% and delivery – call us for a detailed quote.

30% discount when spending £2500 on trees excluding vat