T-Budding or Shield Budding
Budding

• Why propagate by budding?

• Budding, particularly "T" budding, is faster than any other grafting technique. Even for the beginner, the percentage of successful unions is usually greater than with other forms of grafting. Budding is also well adapted to plant shoots from 1/4 to 1 inch in diameter. In larger branches, buds may be inserted in vigorously growing twigs near the upper part of the plant. Besides ease and success, a stronger union is formed than those made with other grafting techniques. Because only a single bud is inserted, you can produce a number of new plants even when scion wood of a new variety is scarce.
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• When is the time to bud?

• "T" budding can be done almost any time that the bark of the stock slips (easily separates from the wood) and buds are fully developed. Most budding is done from May to August. Buds set later in the season normally remain dormant until the following spring. In cold climates, bud growth in fall is undesirable because young shoots are subject to winter injury.
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