

CHERRY-TREES are raised by *Grafting* on *Stock*; *Dwarfs* for Walls or *Espaliers*, or on *Stock*, *Black Harts*, or the *small bitter early Cherry Stock*. *Cherry-Stones* are set in *November* on a Bed in your *Nursery*. The Time of *Grafting* is the latter End of *January*, and all the *February*; or by *Inoculation* in *June*.

Cherry-Trees, if planted against a Wall, should be placed 14 Feet asunder, and some plant a Standard between each Dwarf, they being Dwarfs that are set against the Walls, for the most Part.

In pruning these Trees, never shorten the Shoots, because most of the Fruit-Buds are on them; lay the Branches along the Wall horizontally, and, what Vacancies are thereon, endeavour to make up in the Month of *May*; and in that Month displace all fore-shooting Branches: for those, if permitted to grow till Winter, will rob the bearing Branches of their due Nourishment. It is better to break off those Fore-shoots, than to cut them; because *Cherries* are apt to gum when cut, and bear the Knife the worst of any Fruit-Tree.

If you would plant Holts of these Trees only, let the Places be defended from the Westerly Winds, which are strong, and apt to break their tender Branches; this occasions them to gum, and is very prejudicial to them.

Authors inform us, that *Cherry-Trees* were brought first into our Kingdom in the Year of our Lord 55.

The Soil that *Cherry-Trees* flourish best in, is a Flesh Hazel foamy Soil; but in a gravelly Soil, and a wet one, they will not continue long.

PEAR-TREES have the same Culture as *Apples*, only are grafted sooner by a Month, on *Pear-Kernel Stocks* or *Suckers*, and will prosper in stony, hungry, gravelly Lands, where *Apples* will not.

You may also bud *Pears* on *Free-Stocks*, or upon *Quince Stocks*, or *White-Thorn*; but *Free-Stocks*, or Stocks procured from the Suckers of old *Pears*, are the best.

Pears against Walls or *Espaliers* should be at twelve Feet Distance or more. Those that are set for Standards, seven or eight Yards or more.

The best Time of pruning of these is from the Beginning of *November* to *Candlemas*.

The first Summer, they are to be trained to the Wall, as low, as horizontally as you can, but shorten no Shoots; the second Year, then do it so much as to leave five or six Eyes to the lower Part.